



Thames Gateway Kent Newsletter

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Thames Gateway Kent Partnership News

Work is progressing with the due diligence process with Government for the **TIGER Thames Gateway Innovation, Growth and Enterprise Programme** funded through the Regional Growth Fund. We remain on track to launch the £20 million scheme for businesses to apply for interest-free loans in April 2013.

The **Thames Gateway Kent Partnership Annual General Meeting** and the quarterly **Thames Gateway Kent Partnership Board Meeting** were held on 30th November. The Board endorsed the re-election of the current Chair, Rob Bennett and Vice Chair, Cllr Andrew Bowles and for the current Partnership financial and staffing arrangements to continue. Items on the Board meeting agenda included a presentation on the leisure proposals for Swanscombe Peninsula from Tony Sefton of London Resort Company Holdings and an update on progress of the TIGER programme.

North Kent News

The London Mayor discusses his case for a Thames Estuary airport with Sir Howard Davies, Chair of the Aviation Committee. [AirNewsTimes](#) 14th Nov

The re-opening of the Thamesteel plant on Sheppey is looking uncertain amid concern over costs to decontaminate the site. [BBC Kent](#) 15th Nov

The 'Paint the town' proposal is to get the bulk of the £45,000 allocated to Sheerness from the Swale High Street Innovation Fund. [KentOnline](#) 16th Nov

Ryanair's boss tells the Government's Transport Committee that a Thames Estuary Airport is a 'hare-brained' idea. [BBC](#) 19th Nov

DEFRA approves the Environment Agency's Thames Estuary 2100 plan to deal with increased flood risk in the Estuary to 2100. [Environment Agency](#) 21st Nov

A new Aldi supermarket is to open on the site of Strood's former market. [KentOnline](#) 21st Nov

Edinburgh House announces that local firms will be prioritised for work on the proposed Gravesend Heritage Quarter. [Gravesend Reporter](#) 23rd Nov

Gravesend's central role in the 18th and 19th Century smuggling world is revealed. [Gravesend Reporter](#) 23rd Nov

Gravesham Council has been awarded almost £5 million in the Government's Weekly Collection Support Scheme to introduce wheelie bins, kitchen caddies and to improve recycling in the borough. [Gravesham BC](#) 23rd Nov

Medway submits a second bid for a University Technical College specialising in construction and engineering. [BBC Kent](#) 24th Nov

The Christmas Coca-Cola truck arrives at Gravesend's Asda store. [ThisisLocalLondon](#) 25th Nov

A CHP station fuelled by glycerol is to provide heat at the Universities of Medway Campus at Chatham Maritime, funded through an EU project led by Medway Council. [Engineering Source](#) 27th Oct

Creative businesses are to be offered premises in Medway through the European-funded Project Recreate which aims to create new jobs and opportunities for business expansion in Chatham and Rochester. [Kent News](#) 28th Nov

An Islamic cultural centre is approved for Sheerness. [KentOnline](#) 30th Nov

The seasonal shopping surge starts at Bluewater with footfall 2% up on the same weekend last year. Over 330,000 shoppers visited from Friday through to Sunday. [ShoppingCentre.co.uk](#) 27th Nov

Young fashion womenswear brand Apricot is to open a new concept store in Bluewater. [Drapers](#) 5th Dec

Medway Council announces proposals to secure the future for Rochester Airport. [Medway Council](#) 10th Dec

Gravesham Council's consultation on its Local Plan Core Strategy starts 18 Dec until 12 Feb 2013. [Gravesham BC](#) 11th Dec

Peel Ports is considering closing part of its fresh produce facility at Sheerness Port. [Redfox](#) 13th Dec

Dartford Council is to become one of the first local authorities in Kent to commit to a Living Wage deal for low-paid staff. [Dartford BC](#) 15th Dec

Thames Gateway-wide News

Thurrock MP continues to pressure Government to address congestion at the Dartford Crossing. [Your Thurrock](#) 2nd Dec

London Gateway Port is on course to open in one years time in Q4 of 2013. [Rail.co.uk](#) 3rd Dec

Boris Johnson proposes new river crossing for Thamesmead. [Thisislocalondon](#) 7th Dec

Thurrock gets closer to getting its own transport and logistic skills academy. [Thurrock Gazette](#) 11th Dec

