Council 26 April 2012 Leader's Report

City Status

Chelmsford, Perth and St Asaph have been named as winners in the competition for city status as part of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations. Whilst unsuccessful, our bid has helped to significantly raise Medway's profile.

Thames Estuary Airport

The government is set to consult on a new aviation policy in May, which could include proposals for an airport in or near the Thames Estuary. Medway Council will continue to oppose this scheme.

The Local Enterprise Partnership has produced a report which examines airport capacity in the South East.

Medway Regeneration

The government has made £4.4 million available for highways improvements on Rochester Riverside. Medway Council has received £100,000 under the high street innovation fund, as part of the Portas review, and £1 million has been earmarked by the Big Lottery Fund for Chatham.