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Hub Airport Consultation

The Government has launched an independent hub aviation consultation, which is to be led by Sir Howard Davies. The Davies Commission will provide an interim report no later than the end of 2013 and publish a final report by the end of summer 2015. Additionally, the Transport Select Committee is conducting its own inquiry into UK aviation capacity. The Mayor of London, Boris Johnson, has appointed Daniel Moylan to conduct a separate review into air capacity in the South East.

Police and Crime Commissioner Elections and the Police and Crime Panel

15 November will see elections held for Police and Crime Commissioners. In Kent a total of nine candidates have indicated they will stand. To scrutinise the PCC a Police and Crime Panel has been established, this council has obtained two places on this committee as well as the vice chairmanship.

Local Regeneration

The Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government has declined to call in the recent decision to approve the Peel planning application for Chatham Waters. Peel is set to submit detailed plans next year, having received outline planning last month. The £650 million scheme will bring much needed jobs and housing to the area. Medway has also received a £4.41 million Growing Places interest free loan to help deliver regeneration on Rochester Riverside.

Examination Results

Medway has once again seen our students make us proud with excellent exam results across all ages. Key Stage 2 saw Medway's SATs results improve and GCSE and A Level students continue to excel.

Sporting Legacy

Fresh from hosting Olympic Teams, Medway was proud to host this year's British Transplant Games with around 600 competitors taking part and around 1500 spectators watching each day. Building on our sporting credentials the Medway mini-games will see pupils from across the area competing in a number of different sports. Further proposals and ventures will be brought forward in due course.