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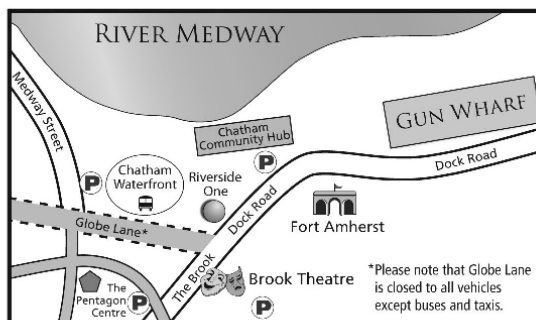
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Leader's Report**

Educational Performance

Medway has closed the gap on the national average for Key Stage 2 results, but is ranked 141st out of 152 nationally.

Business Growth and Enterprise

Medway has been highly commended for 'Most Enterprising Area in Britain' in the Government sponsored Enterprising Britain Awards. The Council is continuing to work with partners to promote business growth and has been instrumental in establishing a federated Local Enterprise Partnership with Kent County Council.

Thames Estuary Airport

The Davies Commission's interim report has put forward three hub airport proposals: two at Heathrow and one at Gatwick. Further work assessing options for a Thames Estuary Airport is to be conducted, with the results of this assessment being announced by September.

Lower Thames Crossing

The Government announced in November that option B for a Lower Thames Crossing was being ruled out, and that options A and C, the Council's preferred options, will go forward for further analysis.

Flood Response

The Council put in place a number of measures to counteract and cope with the threat of tidal flooding, seeking to minimise the impact in Medway.

World Heritage Site bid

The bid to have Chatham Historic Dockyard and its defences nominated as the UK's submission for World Heritage Site status has been unsuccessful.

Medway Queen

The Medway Queen paddle steamer has returned to Medway after leaving in 2011 to be restored in Bristol. The Council has provided funding to maintain the apprentice programme and support the Medway Queen Preservation Society.

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