

**Council**  
**24 January 2013**  
**Leader's Report**

**Rochester regeneration**

Rochester has two new major projects in the pipeline: a new train station and significant improvements to its Airport. As part of Network Rail's modernisation programme, Rochester train station is to be relocated to Corporation Street providing better access to the High Street and the Rochester Riverside development. Rochester Airport is to see surplus land developed to provide up to 1000 new jobs and the airfield improved, providing a sustainable future.

**Schools and education**

Medway has officially opened its first new secondary school for 40 years, Strood Academy. Other school expansion projects include Brompton Academy and the Bishop of Rochester Academy.

Results of performance in Medway's primary school examinations and OFSTED inspections have been disappointing. Proposals from the Key Stage Two Overview and Scrutiny task group have been implemented and further funding provided.

Results at GCSE and A Level have once again been strong.

**Eastgate House**

Eastgate House has been awarded Heritage Lottery Funding of £1.28 million, which is to be combined with Council funding of £700,000 to restore the house and open it up to greater use.

**Wheelchair Rugby League World Cup**

Medway Council has been selected to host the Wheelchair Rugby League World Cup in July at Medway Park.