Council 25 April 2013 Leader's Report

University Technical College

Medway's bid for a University Technical College (UTC) has been approved by the Department for Education. The UTC will focus on engineering and construction.

OFSTED Inspection

Following the recent OFSTED inspection into Children's Safeguarding, an Improvement Plan has been developed to improve the service.

Two Medway primary schools have recently been inspected, with St Nicholas CofE receiving an Outstanding rating, and Wayfield Community Primary and Nursery receiving a Good rating.

In addition the Sure Start centre at Burnt Oak has been rated as Good.

Lodge Hill

Natural England recently declared the Lodge Hill site at Chattenden a SSSI. The Council is challenging the decision at the highest levels of government.

Medway Celebrations

Gillingham FC secured promotion as Champions of Football League 2. Following on from the successful English Festival, there will be a variety of free festivals for people to enjoy over the coming months.

TIGER launch

Medway recently held its launch of the Thames Gateway Innovation, Growth and Enterprise scheme. The TIGER scheme will provide small loans to companies looking to expand.