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Government Opportunities (GO) Awards

The Council was highly commended for the procurement of its Homecare service, which achieved a saving of $\pounds 1.9$ million, at the Government Opportunities Awards held earlier in the month.

Bluewave communications partnership

The Bluewave Communications partnership between Medway Council and East Sussex County Council formally launched at the start of the month. The partnership will see the sharing of communications expertise and a cost saving to both Councils.

Chatham Dockyard closure and 30 years of regeneration

31 March 2014 marked the 30th anniversary of Chatham Dockyard closing. Since then the site has been transformed with Chatham Historic Dockyard Trust, St Mary's Island and Chatham Dockside and is home to the Universities at Medway.

Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) Submission

The Council, as part of the South East Local Enterprise Partnership, has made its submission for funding to central government. As part of the submission, Medway has bid for £86 million over six years to help fund economic growth.

University Technical College

Plans are continuing for the introduction of Medway's University Technical College that will be based in the new Chatham Waters development, and is scheduled to open in September 2015. The next stage of the process will be the submission of the planning application, and this is due in to the Council shortly.