

Council

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Leader's Report

Sporting Legacy

In partnership with King's Rochester, the Sports Minister opened the newly refurbished Stirling Centre, now known as the King's Rochester Sport Centre. This year also saw the 15th anniversary of the Mini Youth Games, with over 3,000 children taking part. Building on the success of the Medway Mile, two more mass participation events, the Big Ride and the Big Splash, have been introduced, with much popular feedback.

Summer Events

A number of outstanding and well-attended festivals are taking place over the summer including, Armed Forces Day, the Castle Concerts, Fuse, Sweeps, Dickens and the River Festival. All these events help support Medway's tourism industry, which is worth just under £300 million a year to the local economy, employing just under 6,000 people.

Rochester Riverside

The Council is currently producing a new masterplan to guide the development of Rochester Riverside, following changes in market conditions since 2003 when the original masterplan was formulated.

Local Enterprise Partnership

As part of the South East Local Enterprise Partnership's growth fund allocation of £442 million, Medway has been allocated just under £29 million. This funding will be used for a number of schemes, including infrastructure improvements in Chatham, Strood and the Medway City Estate.