## Leader's Report 22<sup>nd</sup> January

# Budget

Despite budget reductions, through significant savings and through attracting additional investment we can protect key services. Significant savings have been made through 'Better for Less', 'Medway Norse' and we have received considerable investment from the National Growth Fund.

## **Christmas / Tourism**

75,000 people visited the Dickensian Christmas Festival last month. We will continue to invest however much we can into festivals.

#### Development

Considerable investment all through out Medway, paid for through the National Growth Fund, the Growing Places Fund and the TIGER Business Loan Scheme.

#### Education

Secondary Schools and Foundation stages are performing well. There is considerable progress being shown in KS2.