

**Council
29 July 2010
Leader's Report**

Budget

The government has asked Medway Council to make savings of £6.2 million to its 2010/11 budget as part of the £6.2 billion reduction in public sector spending.

Summer events

The 2010 Castle Concerts took place between Wednesday 14 July and Saturday 17 July with four events being held: Status Quo, Will Young, The Saturdays and the Castle Proms.

These were followed by the Under Siege event for young people on Sunday 18 July; a free event allowing young people the opportunity to perform.

City status

As part of the bid to gain city status for Medway in 2012, flags are being provided at summer events and activities for residents to show their support.

Green Flag awards

Four green spaces in Medway have been awarded the Green Flag award. This is a national standard for parks and green spaces. The four green spaces are Hillyfields Community Park, Riverside Country Park, the Vines and Capstone Country Park.