

**Council**  
**25 November 2010**  
**Leader's Report**

**Local Enterprise Partnership**

The government has agreed the formation of a Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) for the East Sussex, Essex and Kent area. LEPs are intended to replace the existing Regional Development Agencies.

**City Status**

The government has announced that there will be a UK-wide competition for bids for city status as part of the national celebrations for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012.

**Visit by HMS Chatham**

HMS Chatham visited Medway between the 10 - 15 November. This is likely to be one of her final visits.

**Medway's calendar of events**

A new Christmas Market is to take place at Rochester Castle between 3 – 19 December. The Dickensian Christmas festival will take place on the first weekend of December.

Medway's Culture and Design Awards took place on 11 November, the Sports Awards were held on 12 November and the Business Awards on the 19 November.