

**Council
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Leader's Report**

Proposed changes to Adult Social Care

The Council is currently consulting on proposed changes to Adult Social Care provision in Medway. This includes proposals to decommission the Balfour Day Centre, sell Nelson Court and outsource care at Robert Bean Lodge and Platters Farm Lodge to independent providers. In addition, the Council is proposing to make contributions for Adult Social Care services fairer for all.

Thames Estuary Airport

On 20 December 2011, the Cabinet agreed a report which provided details of three current proposals for International Airports in Medway and Kent and set out the continued opposition to such proposals. Full Council is asked to reaffirm its strong opposition to these plans.

University Technical College

The Council is continuing to explore opportunities to establish a University Technical College (UTC) in Medway. UTCs offer 14-19 year olds the opportunity to take a technically orientated course of study, integrating national curriculum requirements with vocational elements.

Year of Celebration

To make the major anniversaries and occasions in 2012, the Council is proposing a Year of Celebration. The major events include the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, the Olympic Games, the 200th anniversary of the Royal Engineers and the bicentenary of the birth of Charles Dickens.