



**Thames Gateway Kent Partnership  
2015 Summer Business Breakfast**

**14<sup>th</sup> July 2015, 7.30am – 10.30am**

**Bridgewood Manor Hotel, Walderslade Woods, Chatham ME5 9AX**

Facilitator: David Liston-Jones, Chief Executive, TGKP

7.30	Registration, Breakfast and Networking.	
8.15	<b>Welcome and Introduction</b>	<b>Rob Bennett</b> , Chairman, Thames Gateway Kent Partnership
8.20	<b>Summer Budget and legislative programme – business implications</b>	<b>Gordon Jones</b> , Partner and Head of Professional Practices, Kreston Reeves
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of the Budget: implications for businesses and investors</li> <li>• The Government’s legislative programme: what should businesses be taking notice of?</li> <li>• Public sector implications: what do the Budget and forthcoming legislation mean for local authorities’ support for the business sector?</li> <li>• What issues might be priorities for future advocacy and lobbying?</li> </ul>	<b>Dawn Hudd</b> , Head of Commercial and Economic Development, Maidstone District Council and Chair, Institute of Economic Development
8.40	Q&A	
8.50	<b>Key Developments in Thames Gateway Kent</b>	<b>Robin Cooper</b> , Chief Executive, Ebbsfleet Development Corporation
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on Ebbsfleet Garden City</li> <li>• Other key developments</li> <li>• Update on the Local Enterprise Partnership, and business support arrangements in Kent &amp; Medway</li> </ul>	<b>Richard Longman</b> , Senior Policy Officer, TGKP <b>Ross Gill</b> , Economic Strategy and Policy Manager, Kent County Council
9.05	Q&A	
9.10	<b>Skills training and employment</b>	<b>Stephen Leahey</b> , Principal, Leigh University Technical College
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Schools, colleges and business: getting engaged.</li> </ul>	
9.20	Q&A	
9.25	<b>Round-table discussions:</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Post-Budget priorities for North Kent businesses</li> <li>• Businesses, schools and colleges: practical steps to open doors and strengthen links</li> <li>• Business support: where are the gaps?</li> </ul>	
9.55	Feedback from round-table discussions	
10.05	<b>Closing Remarks and key messages to take away</b>	<b>Alan Jarrett</b> , Leader, Medway Council <b>Mark Dance</b> , Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Kent County Council <b>Rob Bennett</b> , TGKP
10.15	<b>Networking</b>	