



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

8th December 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.	Speakers
8.15	Welcome and Introduction	Rob Bennett , Chair, Thames Gateway Kent Partnership
8.25	Autumn Statement and Spending Review - Implications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key announcements and the implications for businesses and investors • North Kent Innovation Zone • Implications for regeneration in North Kent • Q&A 	Iain McNab , BIS London & East – Cities & Local Growth Unit, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills Richard Longman , Head of Policy, TGKP
8.45	Focus on commercial property in North Kent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The state of the market, trends, supply and demand • Challenges and opportunities in North Kent • Q&A 	Martyn Saunders , Associate Director, Bilfinger GVA
9.00	Engaging with colleges and universities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How businesses can engage with the FE and HE sectors to promote innovation and raise skills • The services, facilities and opportunities Universities and Colleges can offer to businesses • The evolving story of Apprenticeships: what the Apprenticeships Levy will mean for businesses • Q&A 	Prof Alan Reed , Director of Regional Development, University of Greenwich Simon Cook , Principal, MidKent College Ann Komzolik , Director of Business and Commercial Services, North Kent College
9.20	Business Support: latest developments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growth Hub and Business Support arrangements in North Kent • Q&A 	Tudor Price , Head of Business Development, Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce
9.35	Round-table discussions, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current challenges and opportunities for North Kent businesses • Issues and priorities for action, advocacy and lobbying 	
10.05	Feedback from round-table discussions	
10.20	Closing Remarks and key messages to take away	Councillor Andrew Bowles , Leader, Swale Borough Council and Vice-Chair of TGKP Rob Bennett
10.30	Event ends, opportunities for networking	