

REDPOSC High Priority activities and proposed next steps

Ashford

Activity	Link with Kent Regeneration Framework actions and supporting strategies	Proposed next steps
<i>Maintaining the critical nature of Ashford as a growth point</i>	<i>Action 1.5 – Investing in new business infrastructure 1.10 – Maximising opportunities for development Theme 3 – Embracing a growing & changing population Theme 4 – Building homes and communities, not estates Theme 5 – Delivering growth without transport gridlock 6.4 – Establishing local investment plans with partners</i>	<i>This activity is already in CED R&E's 2010-11 business plan, and is the top priority for local partners in the draft Ashford Local Investment Plan.</i>
<i>Supporting the development of HE/FE learning and skills provision</i>	<i>Action 1.4 – Encouraging an enterprise culture through learning Theme 2 – Unlocking talent to support the Kent economy 6.5 – Using powers to better join up learning offer</i>	<i>CFE directorate to work with K College on shaping future provision to meet local aspirations and the emerging skills agenda.</i>

Canterbury

Activity	Link with Kent Regeneration Framework actions and supporting strategies	Proposed next steps
<i>Supporting joint working with the east Kent district councils in regeneration and economic development</i>	<i>Theme 1 – Building a new relationship with Kent business Theme 2 – Unlocking talent to support the Kent economy Theme 5 – Delivering growth without transport gridlock Action 6.4 – Establishing local investment plans with partners</i>	<i>CED R&E is working with east Kent district councils in drawing up light touch proposals for driving forward regeneration and economic development covering pan east Kent issues.</i>
<i>Capitalising on Canterbury's pivotal role as a major centre for HE/FE in the county</i>	<i>Action 1.4 – Encouraging an enterprise culture through learning Theme 2 – Unlocking talent to support the Kent economy 6.5 – Using powers to better join up learning offer</i>	<i>CED R&E is supporting the Regional Growth Fund bid by the University of Kent and private sector partners to develop a Green Technology Park.</i>

Dover

Activity	Link with Kent Regeneration Framework actions and supporting strategies	Proposed next steps
<i>Assisting the development of White Cliffs Business Park (WCBP) through innovative financing mechanisms, and supporting the growth of Whitfield</i>	<i>Action 1.5 – Investing in new business infrastructure 1.10 – Maximising opportunities for development Theme 4 – Building homes and communities, not estates Theme 5 – Delivering growth without transport gridlock</i>	<i>CED R&E is working with Dover Pride on development planning for Whitfield, and with other KCC directorates in relation to S106 requirements. Whitfield is one of the East Kent LIP strategic priorities, and a potential future Regional Growth Fund bid is also being considered for WCBP.</i>
<i>Essential joint working across the district councils to make a healthy economy for east Kent</i>	<i>Theme 1 – Building a new relationship with Kent business Theme 2 – Unlocking talent to support the Kent economy Theme 5 – Delivering growth without transport gridlock Action 6.4 – Establishing local investment plans with partners</i>	<i>CED R&E is working with east Kent district councils in drawing up light touch proposals for driving forward regeneration and economic development covering pan east Kent issues.</i>

Kent Thameside

Activity	Link with Kent Regeneration Framework actions and supporting strategies	Proposed next steps
<i>Balancing new growth at Ebbsfleet with town centre regeneration in Dartford and Gravesend</i>	<i>Action 1.5 – Investing in new business infrastructure 1.10 – Maximising opportunities for development Theme 3 – Embracing a growing & changing population Theme 4 – Building homes and communities, not estates Theme 5 – Delivering growth without transport gridlock</i>	<i>CED R&E is working with partners to implement an interim strategic roads programme utilising HCA and private sector funding focusing on Dartford and Gravesend town centres, and in the longer term on Ebbsfleet (which is the top regeneration priority in the North Kent LIP).</i>
<i>Ensuring that skills provision in the area is sustainable</i>	<i>Action 1.4 – Encouraging a culture of enterprise Theme 2 – Unlocking talent to support the Kent economy 6.5 – Using powers to better join up learning offer</i>	<i>CFE continues to work with TGK partners to implement the Employment and Skills Plan in north Kent</i>

Maidstone

Activity	Link with Kent Regeneration Framework actions and supporting strategies	Proposed next steps
<i>Maximising Maidstone's potential as an economic hub and balancing population growth and employment opportunities</i>	<i>Action 1.5 – Investing in new business infrastructure 1.10 – Maximising opportunities for development Theme 3 – Embracing a growing & changing population Theme 4 – Building homes and communities, not estates Theme 5 – Delivering growth without transport gridlock 6.4 – Establishing local investment plans with partners</i>	<i>Maximising Maidstone's economic potential, linked to the development of key sites and highway & public transport improvements, are identified as priorities in the West Kent LIP, although funding will be very limited.</i>
<i>Ensuring that town centre regeneration is not adversely affected by congestion</i>	<i>Theme 5 – Delivering growth without transport gridlock</i>	<i>EHW KHS continues to work with the borough council to improve traffic circulation in the town centre</i>
<i>Lobbying government over better rail connections to London</i>	<i>Theme 5 – Delivering growth without transport gridlock</i>	<i>EHW KHS continues to work with the borough council and other partners to identify solutions for Maidstone and its surrounding area.</i>

Shepway

Activity	Link with Kent Regeneration Framework actions and supporting strategies	Proposed next steps
<i>Supporting the master planning and development of Folkestone sea front</i>	<i>Action 1.10 – Maximising opportunities for development 5.3 – Maximising the potential of HS1 services as a catalyst for regeneration 6.4 – Establishing local investment plans with partners</i>	<i>CED R&E continues to support work with the Creative Foundation and district council in support of this activity, including a potential future RGF bid.</i>
<i>Supporting Shepway DC in lobbying for a new Dungeness 'C' power station</i>	<i>Action 1.13 – Working with local partners to lobby central government and EU 1.16 – Developing Kent's potential in low carbon industries</i>	<i>EHW is supporting the district council and other partners, including East Sussex CC, in lobbying for a new power station (this is also identified as a strategic priority in East Kent LIP)</i>

Swale

Activity	Link with Kent Regeneration Framework actions and supporting strategies	Proposed next steps
<i>Developing a multi agency approach to people based regeneration at Sheppey</i>	<i>Action 1.10 – Maximising opportunities for development Theme 3 – Embracing a growing and changing population Theme 4 – Building homes and communities, not estates</i>	<i>CED R&E continues to support work with other KCC directorates and external partners to develop Queenborough and Rushenden, linked to new opportunities at Sheerness.</i>
<i>Working with Swale BC to get the most out of Kent Science Park's contribution to science based jobs</i>	<i>Action 1.4 – Encouraging an enterprise culture through learning 1.5 – Investing in new business infrastructure 1.16 – Developing Kent's potential in low carbon industries Theme 2 – Unlocking talent to support the Kent economy</i>	<i>CED R&E will continue to support work with other KCC directorates, the district council and private sector partners to realise KSP's potential.</i>

Thanet

Activity	Link with Kent Regeneration Framework actions and supporting strategies	Proposed next steps
<i>Supporting the task force approach to tackling deprivation and benefit dependency in central Margate and Cliftonville West</i>	<i>Action 1.10 – Maximising opportunities for development Theme 3 – Embracing a growing and changing population 4.5 – Returning empty homes to use</i>	<i>CMY directorate will continue to lead KCC's support for the Margate Task Force.</i>
<i>Encouraging economic development at Eurokent, Manston Park and Ramsgate</i>	<i>Action 1.4 – Encouraging an enterprise culture through learning 1.5 – Investing in new business infrastructure 1.10 – Maximising opportunities for development 1.16 – Developing Kent's potential in low carbon industries</i>	<i>CED R&E continuing to work with other KCC directorates and the district council. The development of the area is also a strategic priority in the East Kent LIP</i>
<i>Improving accessibility to Thanet</i>	<i>5.3 – Maximising the potential of HS1 services as a</i>	<i>EHW Planning is supporting the private</i>

<i>via HS1 and a parkway at Manston</i>	<i>catalyst for regeneration 5.4 – Further development of Manston Airport 6.4 – Establishing local investment plans with partners</i>	<i>sector and district council in preparing a potential RGF bid. Area is also part of the Central Island / Manston strategic priority in the East Kent LIP.</i>
<i>Completing the Thanet Work and Skills Plan so that new jobs can be taken up by local people</i>	<i>Theme 2 – Unlocking talent to support the Kent economy</i>	<i>CMY directorate continuing to work with the Margate Task Force and CFE directorate</i>

Tunbridge Wells

Activity	Link with Kent Regeneration Framework actions and supporting strategies	Proposed next steps
<i>Regenerating the urban centres in the district through the joint venture between the borough council and John Laing plc</i>	<i>Action 1.10 – Maximising opportunities for development</i>	<i>Identified as a priority in the West Kent LIP, and being implemented through borough council as a public / private sector partnership.</i>
<i>Addressing localised problems of congestion, particularly along the A26 and at North Farm, and the need to dual the A21</i>	<i>Action 5.2 – Lobbying for smarter ways of funding road schemes 5.5 – Securing funding for major schemes</i>	<i>EHW KHS will continue to work with West Kent local authorities and the Highways Agency to identify local solutions as part of the West Kent LIP, although availability of potential future funding is very limited.</i>

Overall priorities agreed by REDPOSC

Priority	Link with Kent Regeneration Framework actions and supporting strategies	Proposed next steps
<i>Third Thames Crossing</i>	<i>Theme 5 – Delivering growth without transport gridlock</i>	<i>Already identified as a key priority in KCC's "Growth without Gridlock" strategy and in LEP proposal for Kent, Greater Essex and East Sussex.</i>
<i>Dualling of A21</i>	<i>Theme 5 – Delivering growth without transport gridlock</i>	<i>EHW KHS working on potential solutions</i>

		<i>with West Kent local authorities and the Highways Agency (see also under the Tunbridge Wells section)</i>
<i>High speed rail link to Thanet</i>	<i>Theme 5 – Delivering growth without transport gridlock</i>	<i>EHW Planning working with the private sector, other KCC directorates and the district council. Part of the Central Island / Manston strategic priority in the East Kent LIP (see also under Thanet section)</i>
<i>Sittingbourne Northern Relief Road</i>	<i>Theme 5 – Delivering growth without transport gridlock</i>	<i>Sections of SNRR are already under construction. Refer to EHW KHS for remaining road scheme sections</i>
<i>Attracting private investment into Kent</i>	<i>Action 1.11 – Marketing Kent as a location for inward investment</i>	<i>CED R&E will ensure that the service level agreement with Locate in Kent continues to focus on KCC priorities</i>
<i>Improving the tourism offer across Kent</i>	<i>Action 1.12 – Developing and promoting Kent as a visitor destination</i>	<i>CED R&E will ensure that the service level agreement with Visit Kent continues to focus on KCC priorities</i>
<i>Raising aspirations in training, skills and jobs</i>	<i>Theme 2- Unlocking talent to support the Kent economy</i>	<i>Refer on to CFE POSC</i>
<i>Transport links of all types (planes, trains and automobiles)</i>	<i>Theme 5 – Delivering growth without transport gridlock</i>	<i>Refer on to EHW KHS as part of their consultations in relation to Growth without Gridlock and draft LTP3.</i>
<i>Broadband, particularly in rural areas</i>	<i>Producing a Digital Strategy for Kent</i>	<i>CED R&E continues to work closely with CED ISG to work up specific proposals for broadband provision, and will consider potential for securing other sources of funding.</i>
<i>Town centre regeneration</i>	<i>Action 1.10 – Maximising opportunities for development</i>	<i>This priority is included in all of the Kent LIPs. CED R&E will take up with relevant local regeneration partnerships, district councils and other bodies.</i>