

Kent's European Relationship Select Committee – 8th January, 11.00 a.m.

Biographical Information: Paul Wookey

Paul Wookey has been CEO of Locate in Kent since 1999, the inward investment agency for Kent and Medway. Prior to joining Locate in Kent in 1999, Paul Wookey worked for Kent County Council for 8 years in the Economic Development Unit where he was the Assistant Director of Economic Development.

Before joining KCC, Paul worked for the Welsh Development Agency and prior to that worked as a town planner at Newport Borough Council.

Paul has a BA (Hons) in Town Planning and a PostGraduate Diploma in Town Planning from Oxford Brookes University. He is a member of the Royal Town Planning Institute, Institute of Economic Development and the Institute of Management.

(Paul may be accompanied by Mandy Bearne, Director of Marketing and Research)

Suggested themes for Members' questions

1. Introduction and current issues
2. The advantages of Kent as a location for businesses
3. Barriers to obtaining EU funding in support of objectives for Kent and how these might be overcome in future
4. Issues around establishing European partnerships in order to obtain EU funding for projects
5. From your perspective- the potential contribution to growth finance from EU funding: the issues, the alternatives, and maximising the potential.