

## **Kent's European Relationship Select Committee – 14<sup>th</sup> January, 9.00 a.m.**

### **Biographical Information:**

#### **Ross Gill**

Ross Gill is the Economic Strategy and Policy Manager for Kent County Council. His work in this role includes bidding for funding, including from the Government's Regional Growth Fund and the European Regional Development Fund and establishing new economic projects and programmes. He is also responsible for developing KCC's economic strategy documents, including the Regeneration Framework and *Unlocking the Potential: Going for Growth*, the new Kent and Medway Growth Plan.

Previously, Ross has worked for Swale Borough Council, London Borough of Greenwich and Liverpool City Council in economic development, programme management and funding roles.

#### **David Godfrey**

David Godfrey is Interim Director of the South East Local Enterprise Partnership (SELEP). He is seconded for 3 days a week from Kent County Council's Economic and Spatial Development team where he is Development Strategy Manager.

### **Suggested themes for Members' Questions**

1. Role of the South East Local Enterprise Partnership
  - Update on EU Structural & Investment Fund Strategy
  - Linkage to Growth Deal/Strategic Economic Plan
2. Kent & Medway's EU Structural & Investment Fund Strategy proposals:
  - Financial instruments to deliver programme activities – options, opportunities and risks
  - Regional Innovation Strategy and Smart Specialisation in Kent
  - Opt-in models – issues, opportunities and risks for Kent
  - Community Led Local Development (CLLD) in Kent
  - Options (and associated risks) regarding policy and technical expertise on EU funding for Kent
3. Contribution made by international projects to Kent's economic development (and for particular sectors) and potential role of EU funding in continuing to unlock Kent's potential.

