

Kent County Council

Affordable Housing Select Committee

Biography

Brian Horton

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Brian Horton is a public sector housing professional who has worked in senior positions in both the local authority and housing association sectors. He is the retained strategic housing advisor to the South East Local Enterprise Partnership (SELEP). Brian's role is to influence, encourage and build partnerships to accelerate housing delivery.

SELEP is one of 38 Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) - the biggest LEP outside London. It was established to "provide the clear vision and strategic leadership to drive sustainable private sector-led growth and job creation in their area".

LEPs bring together businesses, councils, universities and other industry players to form partnerships whose geography properly reflects the natural economic areas of England. LEPs understand their economy and are directly accountable to local people and local businesses. They decide what the priorities should be for investment in roads, buildings and facilities in an area as part of an integrated approach to growth and infrastructure delivery. LEPs represent a major step forward in fostering a strong environment for business growth.