



KENT BUSINESS SUMMIT ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS

- Discussions centred around four umbrella themes
- Round table objective: Speak, listen, learn and influence
- Chairs of round table given 10 minutes to 'pitch' their plan
- Round table guests to feedback on plan and provide action points to the chair
- Expected outcome per round table: list of 5 actions for 2019

Kent transport infrastructure

1. **An integrated transport system for Kent** – Cllr Keith Glazier, Chair Transport for the Southeast
How to achieve a truly integrated transport infrastructure for Kent
2. **Kent transport system and sustainability** – Andreas Markides, MD Markides Associates
Promoting a green and sustainable transport infrastructure for Kent
3. **Role of rail transport in providing a platform for growth** – David Statham, MD Southern Rail
How to improve passenger rail transport throughout the Southeast
4. **Moving people, goods and services in a post-Brexit world: the LTC and other road infrastructure projects in Kent** - Tim Jones, Project Director Lower Thames Crossing
Addressing the road challenges ahead of Brexit

The Garden of England

1. **Targeting new audiences: A new tourism strategy for Kent** – Deirdre Wells, CEO Visit Kent and Luke Quilter, CEO Sleeping Giant
Developing a new marketing strategy for visitors to Kent
2. **Kent's draw to businesses, now and in the future** – Gavin Cleary, Locate in Kent
What makes Kent a good location for business - and how can we attract businesses in the future?
3. **The role of the rural sector in the Kent economy** – Mark Lumsdon-Taylor & Charles Tassell, Rural PLC
How do we change the perception of the rural sector and its ability to be a catalyst for the Kent economy



Innovation and Productivity

1. **How to improve productivity in Kent** – Melissa Carson, Head of Research Be the Business
What can business, local government and academics do (together) to improve productivity in Kent?
2. **Enterprise and productivity strategy for Kent** – David Smith, Director of Economic Development and Johanna Howarth, Deputy Director of Economic Development, Kent County Council
Informing an enterprise and productivity strategy for Kent
3. **Food tech in Kent** – Des Kingsley, CEO Thanet Earth
The future of food tech in Kent: challenges, opportunities, cooperation
4. **Creative Industries and innovation in Kent** – Emma Wilcox, Emma Wilcox Associates
How can we ensure that creative businesses flourish and thrive, increase their productivity and contribute to economic growth across Kent's economy?

Skills development in Kent

1. **HIEs and skills development** – April McMahon, Deputy VC University of Kent
How to make skills development an integral part of the student experience
2. **A new approach to tech and vocational education in Kent** – Graham Razey, Head Principle East Kent Colleges
How does national tech-education policy impact on local business and where can business influence change?
3. **Bridging the skills gap in Kent** – Paul Winter, Chair Kent and Medway Skills Commission
How to attract and retain employees in Kent, how to keep graduates in Kent
4. **Equality, diversity and disability & skills development** – Paul Andrews, CEO Jobs in Kent
Making Kent a trail blazer for inclusive skills development policies