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