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 Southeastern Railway
   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

   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 Principal 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*