

Wednesday 19 May 2021, 4.30-7.00pm

Via zoom

REVISED AGENDA

	Approx. time	Page
1. Welcome, introduction to new members following the elections, and apologies for absence	4.30	-
2. Declaration of Interests	4.34	-
3. Minutes of previous meeting	4.36	2
4. AOB & matters arising	4.40	-
5. Workforce Skills Evidence Base <i>Steve Matthews and Ross Gill (consultants) will present the attached report. Board members will be asked to contemplate on the next steps in moving towards the creation of an action plan.</i>	4.50	13
6. Kent & Medway Fresh Food Sector: Employment <i>Carol Ford will give a brief update on the work of employers in the fresh food sector to help address the skills gap & seek thoughts on a proposed Kent & Medway Fresh Food Youth Ideas Festival.</i>	5.25	-
7. Lower Thames Crossing – Project Progress & Next Steps <i>Matt Palmer, LTC Executive Director at Highway England, will give a presentation on this major capital project. Details about project at: https://highwaysengland.co.uk/our-work/lower-thames-crossing/</i>	5.40	-
8. Resolving water-quality issues within the Stodmarsh catchment <i>Simon Thomas, Head of Planning at Canterbury City Council, will give a presentation updating on progress made since the last KMEP meeting.</i>	6.10	-
9. The 149th Open at Royal St Georges <i>The internationally renowned golf tournament is taking place between 11th and 18th July 2021 at Royal St George's in Sandwich, and should act as a significant visitor attraction for the County. Visit Kent and Dover District Council have been invited to attend KMEP to advise us on how best we can capitalise on this opportunity, and to update members on logistics. Details at: https://www.theopen.com/royal-st-georges-149th-open/</i>	6.30	-
10. LEP Review <i>Sarah Nurden, Jo James and Carol Barron attended a recent MHCLG meeting held on the LEP Review. An overview of the headline messages shared at that meeting will be given to board members on 19th May. Attached for reference are some slides which the SELEP CEO has produced for SELEP Ltd, and a recent policy challenge paper that ADEPT have circulated.</i>	6.50	112
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