

Press Release

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Residents asked for their view on the county's environment

Residents and businesses across the county are being asked for their views on an updated environment strategy to ensure that Kent is the county of choice to set up home, grow a business and spend their valuable leisure time.

'Kent Environment Strategy 2015: A strategy for environment, health and economy' has been developed in partnership to make sure that we make the most of our county's many environmental, health and economic opportunities. The strategy addresses current and future environmental challenges whilst identifying opportunities to improve resource efficiency, develop the low carbon and environmental economy and enhance our natural and historic assets for the benefit of all.

Matthew Balfour, Kent County Council Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport, said:

"Kent faces significant growth and change over the coming decades. 'Kent Environment Strategy 2015: A strategy for environment, health and economy' recognises and addresses the challenges and opportunities this will bring."

"Through the strategy we can work together to continue to support much needed economic growth while creating and sustaining communities that are vibrant, healthy and resilient."

The consultation runs from Monday 27 July to Friday 25 September and details can be found at: www.kent.gov.uk/kesconsultation

Based on feedback from residents, businesses and partner organisations, a final strategy will developed by December 2015 with a launch in March 2016.

If anyone requires any of the documents in an alternative format, these can be obtained by contacting: alternativeformats@kent.gov.uk.

Development of the Kent Environment Strategy has been supported by the EU's Intelligent Energy Europe Programme which helps local authorities develop sustainable energy plans and projects.

Notes to editors

- The development of the strategy has been supported through two projects under the EU Intelligent Energy Europe Programme, COOPENERGY and DATA4ACTION.
- COOPENERGY is a three year project developing resources to support local authorities to take a collaborative, partnership approach to delivering sustainable energy initiatives.
- For information on the Coopenergy project visit: www.coopenergy.eu
- DATA4ACTION is a three project facilitating public authority access to energy data for implementation and monitoring of sustainable energy plans and projects.
- For more information on the Data4Action project visit: www.data4action.eu
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