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LATEST NEWS...

Minister Signs Growth Deal

On 23 March, Business Minister Matthew Hancock signed the Coast to Capital Growth Deal during a visit to Ricardo Ltd in Shoreham, which will bring nearly £240 million of Government investment to our region. The Minister joined Steve Allen, our Vice-Chairman and Ron Crank, Chief Executive to sign the Growth Deal in the presence of a small group of guests.

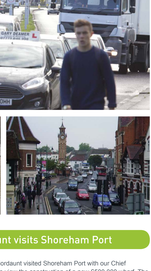
Read more here:

Legal & General Chief Applauds LEP at Forum

More than a hundred stakeholders attended our Partner Forum recently at the Hilton London Gatwick Airport hotel. As well as bringing our partners up to date on our activities, we were delighted to hear from Nigel Wilson, Group Chief Executive at Legal & General who spoke about his company's operations.

Speaking at the event, Tim Wates, Coast to Capital Chairman said: "This has been an exciting year for Coast to Capital. Following the announcement of our Growth Deal, a significant projects delivery programme has begun. With our local partners, we have combined to form a strong and united approach which reflects our region's priorities for investment, infrastructure and business support."

Tim Wates, Chairman, Coast to Capital



L to R: Steve Allen, Vice Chairman, Dr Nigel Wilson, Legal and General, Ron Crank, Chief Executive

£44.7 million to be invested in new transport schemes

The Coast to Capital Local Transport Body recently met to review the business cases for 16 new transport schemes in the region, following a consultation undertaken in conjunction with local authority partners.

The Local Transport Body approved 14 of these schemes, either in full or conditionally. Two of the schemes were deferred for further development and assessment.

The schemes include proposals to improve road junctions, encourage more walking and cycling, reduce congestion and help to prevent road closures caused by flooding. In total, the 16 improvements in transport networks across the Coast to Capital region require an investment of more than £44.7 million. Discover more about the Local Transport Schemes here.

Minister Penny Mordaunt visits Shoreham Port

Last month, Coastal Communities Minister Penny Mordaunt visited Shoreham Port with our Chief Executive Ron Crank and Port Chief Rodney Lunn to view the construction of a new £500,000 wharf. The minister was treated to a tug ride as she learned more about Coast to Capital's business growth grant scheme, which awarded a £100,000 grant towards the cost of the wharf.

Building works are currently underway and due to be completed in May. The additional wharf will enable the port to meet further demand for importing and exporting goods. It will conduct business with additional ships which will generate around 10 extra jobs within our region.

Ron Crank, Coastal Communities Minister Penny Mordaunt and Rodney Lunn aboard a Tug at Shoreham Port.

TOPICAL NEWS...

Digital Catapult Centre in Brighton opens for business

Earlier this month, The Digital Catapult Brighton opened its doors to focus on projects across our region that will drive innovation and value from real-time and location-based data – known as the 'Internet of Place'.

In the coming weeks, the Digital Catapult Centre Brighton will launch a programme of events to help create opportunities for SMEs, large businesses, public sector and academia to collaborate and unlock new value for the Coast to Capital region. Organisations and individuals who wish to be involved with the programme of activity should contact rebecca@wiredsussex.com.

Phil Jones, Digital Champion and Board Member for Coast to Capital LEP

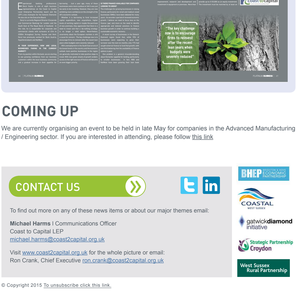
Chief Executive visits Nestlé

Ron Crank had the pleasure of visiting Nestlé's HQ near Gatwick earlier this month to find out more about the multi-national company's priorities. Top of the agenda was the importance of economic stability and the long-term competitiveness of UK manufacturing. As a major employer, Nestlé is championing the importance of providing young people with skills and employment opportunities for the future.

PARTNERSHIP IN ACTION....

A regional tour for Indian Delegation

Coast to Capital joined Reigate and Banstead Borough Council and Baroni Ltd recently to host a 'Doing Business with India' trade event. Guests took the opportunity to share stories of their international trade experiences whilst networking. They heard informative presentations from representatives of the British Business Group in Chennai and also from Goa and Madras Chambers of Commerce, and local business leaders already trading in India.



Spotlight on...

Supporting the region's growth ambitions

Experienced banking professional, Daryl Gayler, is one of eight business representatives on the Coast to Capital Local Enterprise Partnership board and the LEP's area champion for the Gatwick Diamond.

Daryl is currently Regional Director (Corporate and Commercial Banking) for London and the South East at The Royal Bank of Scotland. In this role, he is responsible for corporate and commercial clients with turnovers of £2m to £500m throughout Surrey, Sussex and Kent. Read about his views on how Coast to Capital and the banking industry in general are supporting growth in our region in the latest issue of Platinum Business magazine.

COMING UP

We are currently organising an event to be held in late May for companies in the Advanced Manufacturing / Engineering sector. If you are interested in attending, please follow this link

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