



## **Press Release**

## "Get a Share of £40 Million"

Chamber Business Networking Breakfast Main Speaker: Laura Sandys MP Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2012 0730 hrs – 0900 hrs Sandwich

The government has established a Regional Growth Fund of £40 million to assist economic development in the districts of Dover, Thanet, Canterbury and Shepway. One of a series of measures announced in response to the departure of Pfizer from its site in Sandwich, the RGF seeks to stimulate the local economy with the declared target of creating 5,000 jobs. The leader of Kent Council, Cllr Paul Carter, has stated that unlike other areas of the country, there is *'considerable free rein'* on the allocation of the business support funding.

Laura Sandys MP, a key member of the Sandwich Taskforce and Co-President of the Thanet & East Kent Chamber, will outline the latest news on the RGF and will advise on how local companies might benefit from a range of additional measures designed to boost exports and attract tourists to the East Kent coastal business community. After the breakfast, delegates will be invited to tour the BayPoint Club on the site of the former Pfizer Sports & Social Club.

Booking is essential. To book your place, email manager@tekc.co.uk or mail@doverchamber.co.uk with the subject line "Business Networking Breakfast 2 March 2012". Tickets include a full English breakfast and cost  $\pounds$ 12 for Chamber members and  $\pounds$ 16 for non-members subject to space available.

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## Information

Thanet & East Kent Chamber provides business support to firms in Ramsgate, Margate, Deal, Broadstairs, Manston, Sandwich, Birchington, Hersden and nearby towns and villages.

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Dover District Chamber of Commerce was established in 1850 and offers business support services to the private and voluntary sector in Dover, Deal, Sandwich and the villages in the district.

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