

DOVER BREXIT TASKFORCE

Friday 15 June 2018, at 3.30pm

Dover District Council Offices, White Cliffs Business Park,
Whitfield, Dover, Kent, CT16 3PJ.

In attendance:

Cllr Keith Morris - Leader, Dover District Council
Charlie Elphicke - MP (Dover & Deal)
Craig Mackinlay - MP (Thanet South, Member of the Commons Select Committee on Exiting the EU)
Cllr Mark Dance - KCC Cabinet Member for Economic Development
Richard Christian - Head of Policy & Communication, Port of Dover
John Keef - Director of Public Affairs, Getlink UK
Nadeem Aziz - Chief Executive, Dover District Council
Tim Ingleton - DDC
Graeme Bridgeland – KCC
Dafydd Pugh – KCC
Michelle Farrow - DDC

Notes of the meeting:

- *Remit of the Group:* The aim of the Taskforce is to influence decision making, support preparedness of local services, lobby for increased investment in infrastructure, and seek out any opportunities that Brexit presents, most importantly putting the people of Dover and the wider district first.
- *General Discussion:* Noting updates on current situation, investment that is required mainly around lorry parking, M20, A2, lower Thames crossing, border controls and facilitation, and continuation of frictionless trade. Discussion around road infrastructure, potential business impacts, opportunities to influence and implement a system that is even better than we already have, the scale of port and channel tunnel operations and potential outcomes, and the agreement to work closer together.
- *Key issues identified by the Taskforce, include:*
 - Knock-on effects of increased border controls and port dwell times on local roads and communities, including air quality

- Urgent need for investment in critical road infrastructure (A2 dualling, M2 improvements, Lower Thames crossing, lorry parking)
 - Identifying opportunities for new technologies to help create a 'frictionless' border
 - Maximising opportunities created by 'Brexit' (e.g. freight forwarding jobs)
 - Resource implications for Port Health under a 'hard border'
 - Impact of 'Brexit' perception on inward investment and tourism
 - Maintaining the strong working relationship with local authorities in the Pas-de-Calais
- *Agreement and Actions:*
 - To influence Government for support with:
 - A resilient road network
 - Investment for enabling systems to ensure frictionless trade continues and is improved
 - Continued mutual recognition of food and animal health and maximum facilitation between the EU, UK Government, Ports and Hauliers.
 - Clarity from the Government to enable readiness on Day One.

To raise awareness, ensuring Dover is on as many agendas as possible.

To invite French colleagues to join the next Dover Brexit Taskforce Meeting

- *Date of Next Meeting:* To be advised