



# STATE OF THE DISTRICT 2015

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### 1. STATE OF THE DISTRICT WELCOME

Welcome to the sixth edition of the Dover District State of the District report. The State of the District report was first introduced to Council in May 2010 and is updated annually.

The report provides a snapshot of the current social, economic, environmental and health and well-being trends across of our district. With other local information, this report has been designed to support and inform local decision-making and setting of priorities. It also provides an overview for all those who currently, or wish to, live, work, or invest in the Dover district.

The report is a backward look at the overall state of the district highlighting important facts and figures about the conditions and circumstances affecting people's lives in the district, especially during a period of economic recovery and major reductions in public spending.

The report uses the latest information available at the time of drafting but it should be noted that not all information is collated and updated annually and is therefore not always available to be included.

### 2. AUTHORITY MONITORING REPORT

The Council's Adopted Core Strategy sets out the overall ambitions and priorities for the district over a twenty year period. In order to establish what is happening now in the district and what may happen in the future, monitoring is an essential component of the process. The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, requires the district council to publish an Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) at the end of each year containing information on the implementation of the Local Development Scheme and the extent to which the policies set out in the Local Development Documents have been achieved.

To ensure the AMR and the State of the District are not duplicating information, but rather complementing each other, the 'Major Infrastructure and Major Sites information is now included in the annual State of the District report. The AMR is produced at the end of each calendar year, whilst the State of the District report includes much more wide-ranging information and end of financial year data sets where possible.