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| 22 February 2018, 10.00am – 2.00pm (refreshments from 9.30am)Council ChamberAshford Borough Council Civic CentreTannery LaneAshfordKent TN23 1PL |

Regional Forum for Kent

and the South East

Hosted by Kent Housing Group

Programme

09.30 Arrival and Coffee

10.00 Welcome

• Tracey Kerly, Chief Executive, Ashford Borough Council

• Shelagh Grant, Chief Executive, the Housing Forum

10.10 Keynote Speaker:

 Professor Janice Morphet, University College London

 Local Authority Direct Provision of Housing Report

*Findings of the December 2017 report covering a wide range of local authority interventions to increase Housebuilding*

 Followed by Q&A

10. 45 Panel Session 1: Building Homes in 2018 – our panel analyses the opportunities and challenges

* Nick Fenton, Chairman, Kent Developers Group
* Alastair Pollock, Strategy Coordinator, Thames Gateway South Essex Housing Group
* Katie Stewart, Director of Environment Planning and Enforcement, Kent County Council
* Neill Tickle, Land and New Business Director, Optivo

11.45 Coffee Break

12.00 Panel Session 2: Procurement through Partnering: Principles for Successful Procurement –our panel analyses the opportunities and challenges

• Tracey Kerly, Chief Executive, Ashford Borough Council

• Andy Tookey, Managing Partner, Baily Garner

• Paul McDermott, Partner, Housing and Regeneration, Trowers & Hamlins

12.45 Closing Summary and Conclusions

 Followed by Networking Lunch