

# Dartford

2011 half year business confidence report



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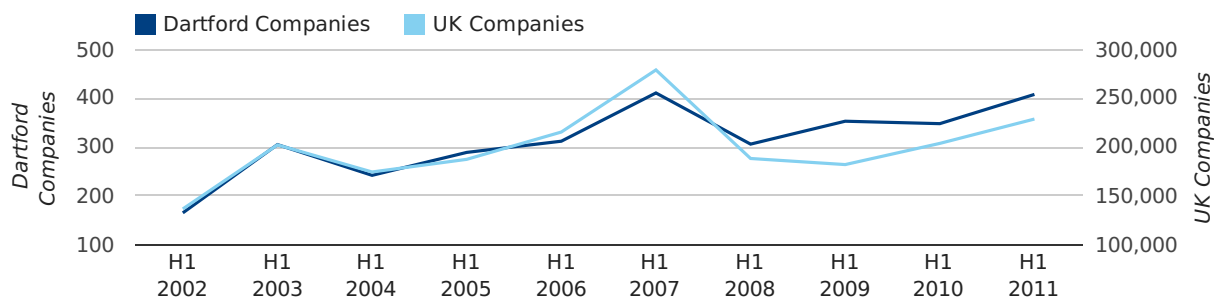
### Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 a total of 408 companies were formed in Dartford. This figure is 17.2% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 12.3%.

The highest total for a first half year in Dartford occurred in 2007 when a total of 411 were formed.

| HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN) | DARTFORD   | UK             |
|---------------------|------------|----------------|
| 2011                | 408        | 228,735        |
| 2010                | 348        | 203,749        |
| % CHANGE            | 17.2%      | 12.3%          |
| RECORD YEAR         | 2007 (411) | 2007 (279,097) |

### new companies by half year



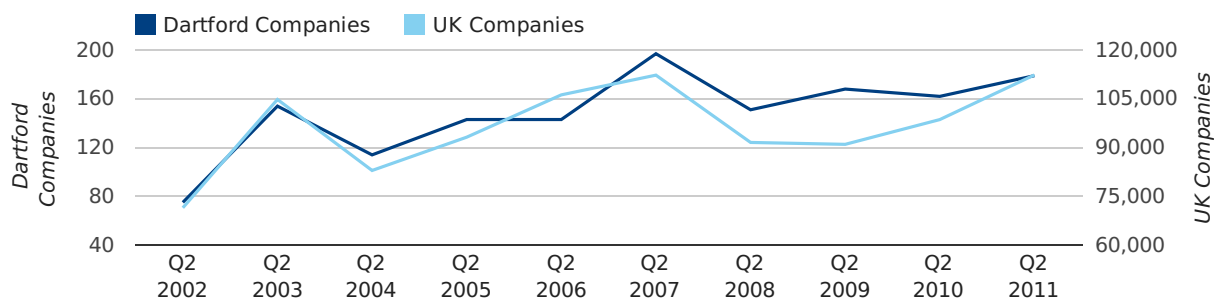
### Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

A total of 179 companies were registered in Dartford during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is an increase of 10.5% versus the same period last year (Q2 2010). This figure compares equally to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 13.9% against the same period last year.

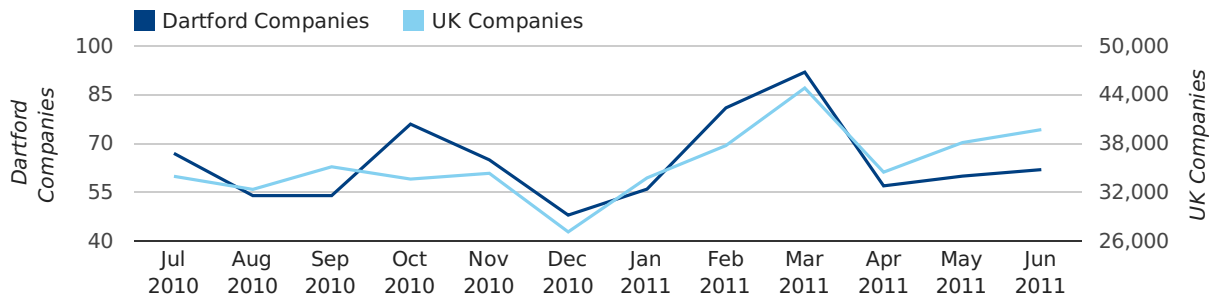
| SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011) | DARTFORD   | UK             |
|--------------------------------------|------------|----------------|
| 2011                                 | 179        | 112,344        |
| 2010                                 | 162        | 98,612         |
| % CHANGE                             | 10.5%      | 13.9%          |
| RECORD YEAR                          | 2007 (197) | 2011 (112,344) |

### new companies by quarter



# Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

## new companies by month



|                       | APRIL     | MAY       | JUNE      |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| NEW COMPANIES IN 2011 | 57        | 60        | 62        |
| NEW COMPANIES IN 2010 | 50        | 60        | 52        |
| % CHANGE              | 14.0%     | 0.0%      | 19.2%     |
| RECORD YEAR           | 2007 (88) | 2007 (72) | 2009 (66) |

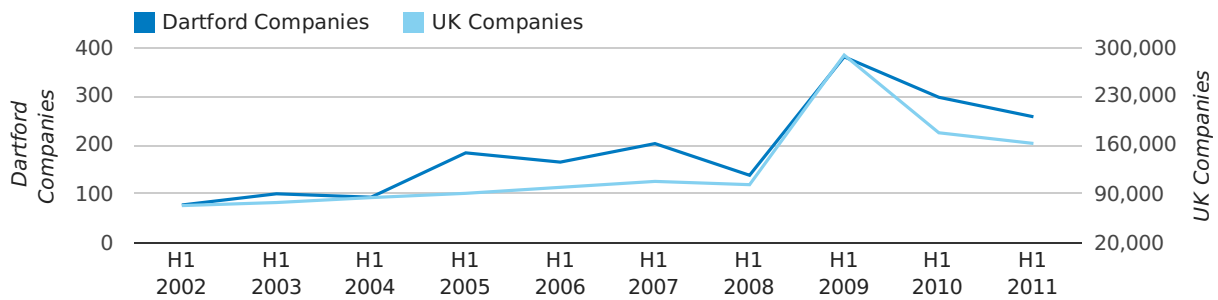
### Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 a total of 258 companies were dissolved in Dartford. This figure is 13.4% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -8.6%.

The highest total for a first half year in Dartford occurred in 2009 when a total of 381 were closed.

| HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN) | DARTFORD   | UK             |
|---------------------|------------|----------------|
| 2011                | 258        | 162,310        |
| 2010                | 298        | 177,631        |
| % CHANGE            | -13.4%     | -8.6%          |
| RECORD YEAR         | 2009 (381) | 2009 (289,236) |

### dissolved companies by half year



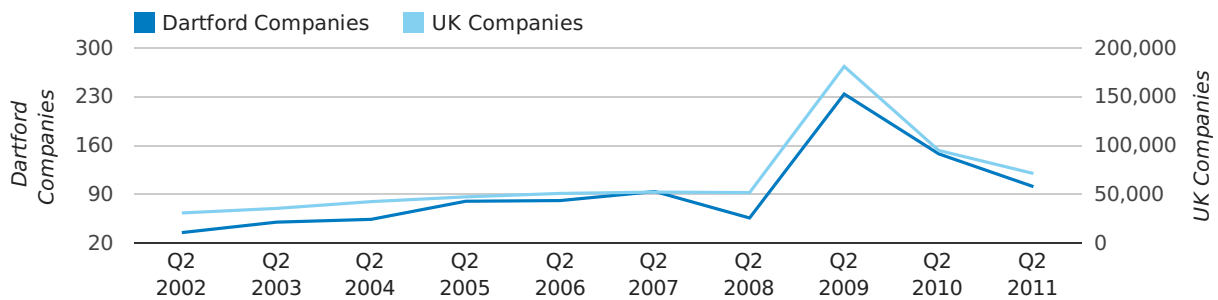
### Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

A total of 101 companies were dissolved in Dartford during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 31.8% versus the same period last year (Q2 2010). This figure compares well to the UK as a whole, which saw a decrease of 24.9% against the same period last year.

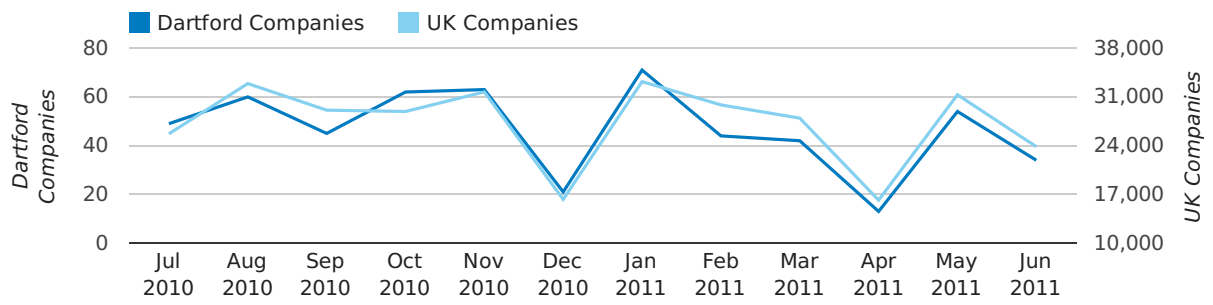
| SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011) | DARTFORD   | UK             |
|--------------------------------------|------------|----------------|
| 2011                                 | 101        | 71,324         |
| 2010                                 | 148        | 94,954         |
| % CHANGE                             | -31.8%     | -24.9%         |
| RECORD YEAR                          | 2009 (234) | 2009 (181,176) |

### dissolved companies by quarter



# Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

## dissolved companies by month



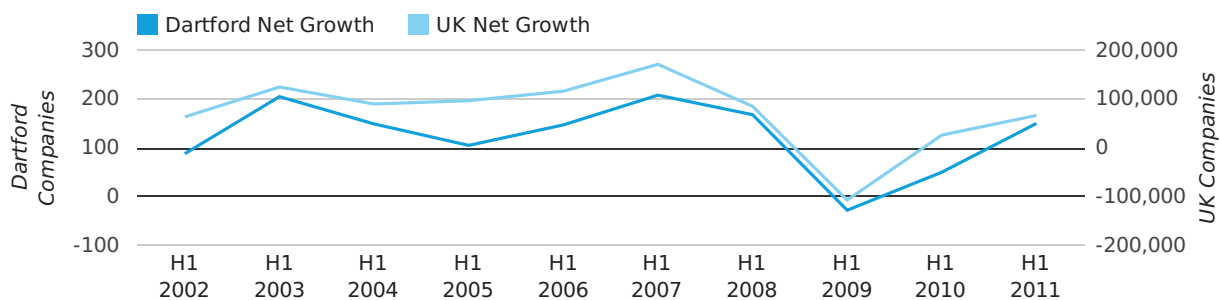
|                          | APRIL     | MAY       | JUNE      |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011 | 13        | 54        | 34        |
| CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010 | 39        | 59        | 50        |
| % CHANGE                 | -66.7%    | -8.5%     | -32%      |
| RECORD YEAR              | 2009 (89) | 2009 (98) | 2010 (50) |

### Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 the company register for Dartford increased by 150 companies. This figure is 200.0% higher than last year, which compares well to a UK increase of 154.3%.

| HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN) | DARTFORD   | UK             |
|---------------------|------------|----------------|
| 2011                | 150        | 66,425         |
| 2010                | 50         | 26,118         |
| % CHANGE            | 200.0%     | 154.3%         |
| RECORD YEAR         | 2007 (208) | 2007 (171,296) |

### net growth by half year



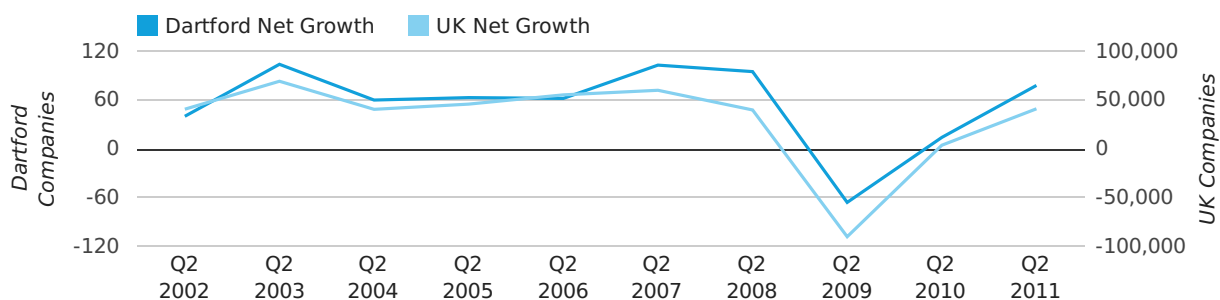
### Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

Net company growth for Dartford during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011) was 78 companies.

This represents an increase of 457.1% on the same period last year.

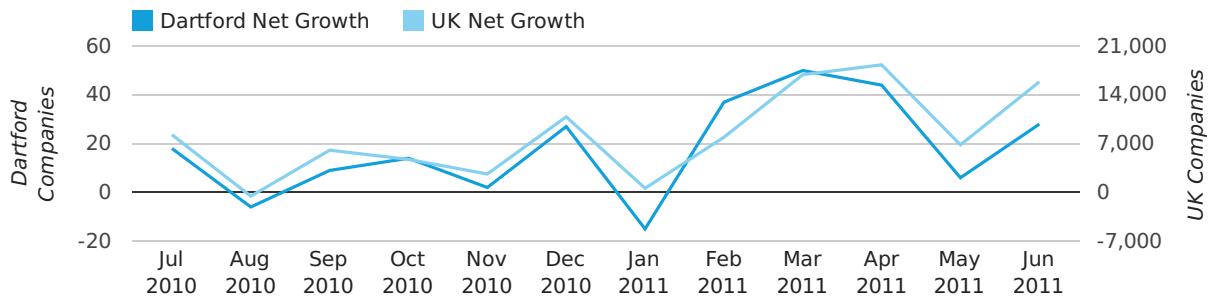
| SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011) | DARTFORD   | UK            |
|--------------------------------------|------------|---------------|
| 2011                                 | 78         | 41,020        |
| 2010                                 | 14         | 3,658         |
| % CHANGE                             | 457.1%     | 1,021.4%      |
| RECORD YEAR                          | 2003 (104) | 2003 (69,274) |

### net growth by quarter



# Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

## net growth by month



|                    | APRIL     | MAY       | JUNE      |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| NET GROWTH IN 2011 | 44        | 6         | 28        |
| NET GROWTH IN 2010 | 11        | 1         | 2         |
| % CHANGE           | 300.0%    | 500.0%    | 1,300.0%  |
| RECORD YEAR        | 2007 (65) | 2007 (36) | 2008 (54) |

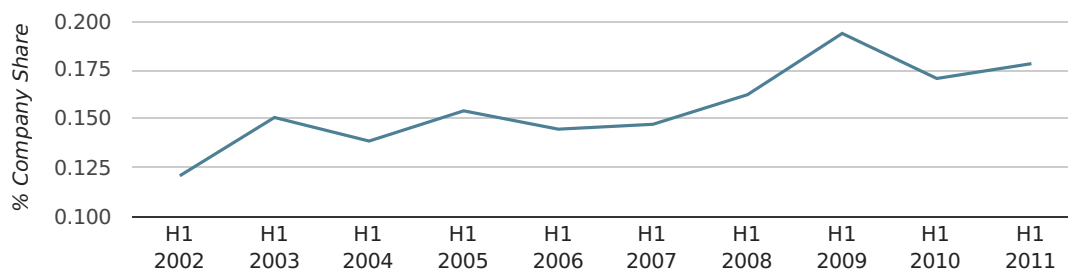


### Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 Dartford formed 0.2% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2010 figure of 0.2%.

| HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)      | DARTFORD    |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| 2011                     | 0.2%        |
| 2010                     | 0.2%        |
| 2009                     | 0.2%        |
| 2008                     | 0.2%        |
| 2007                     | 0.1%        |
| RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960) | 1960 (0.3%) |

#### company share by half year

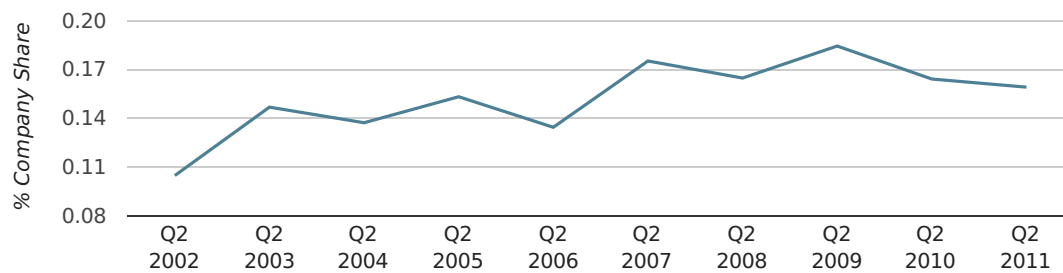


### Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

In the second quarter of 2011, Dartford formed 0.2% of all UK companies.

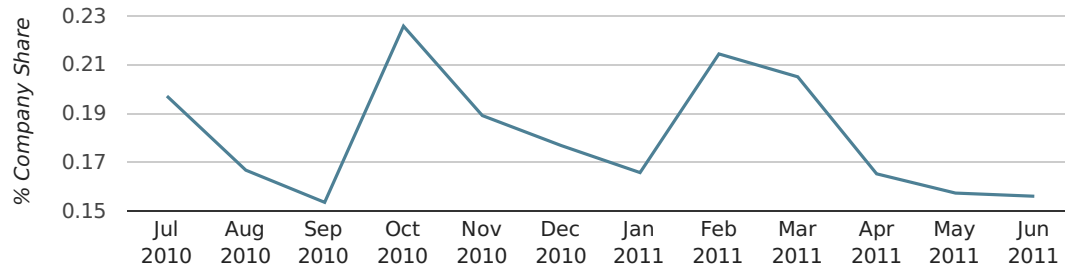
| SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011) | DARTFORD    |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| 2011                                 | 0.2%        |
| 2010                                 | 0.2%        |
| 2009                                 | 0.2%        |
| 2008                                 | 0.2%        |
| 2007                                 | 0.2%        |
| RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)             | 1960 (0.3%) |

#### company share by quarter



## Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

### company share by month



|                            | APRIL       | MAY         | JUNE        |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011 | 0.2%        | 0.2%        | 0.2%        |
| UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010 | 0.1%        | 0.2%        | 0.1%        |
| % CHANGE                   | 10.3%       | -21.2%      | 5.7%        |
| RECORD YEAR                | 1960 (0.3%) | 1967 (0.6%) | 1966 (0.2%) |

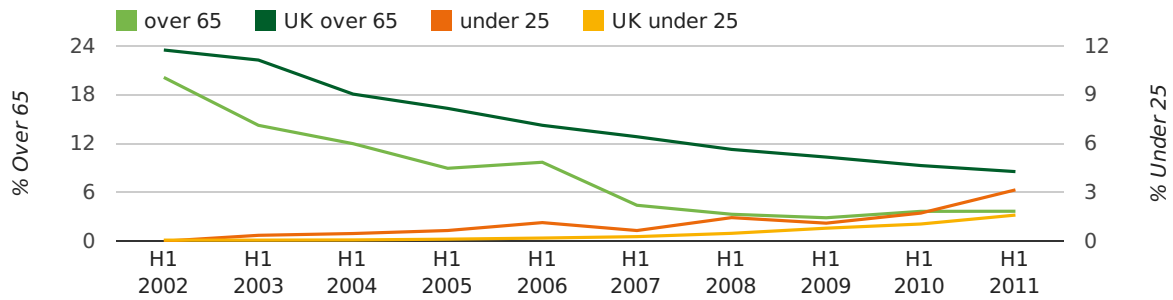
### Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2011 was 42.4.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.2% compared to the UK figure of 3.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.7% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

#### director age by half year



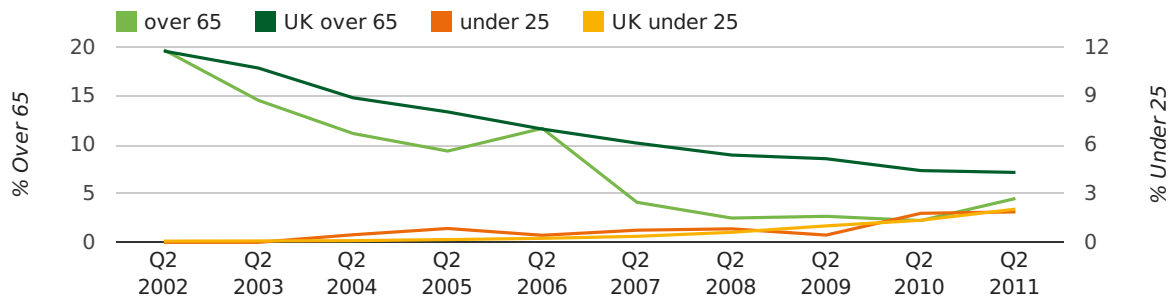
### Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2011 was 43.4.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 1.9% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.5% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

#### director age by quarter

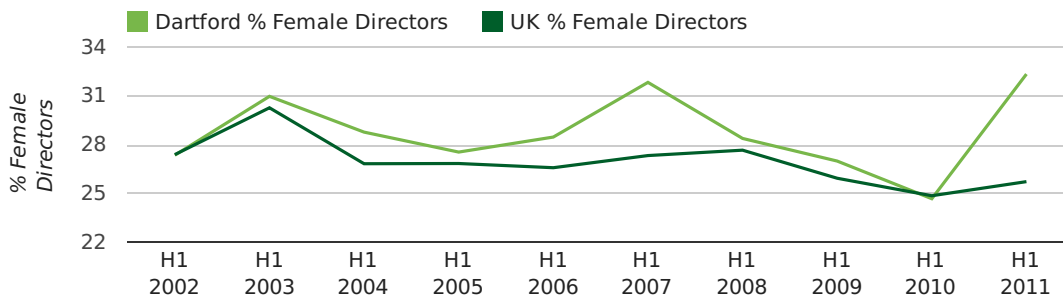


### Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

The record first half year for female directors in Dartford was 1857 when 40.0% of all directors were female.

32.4% of all director appointments in Dartford in the first half of 2011 were female. This compares to a UK average of 25.7% for the same period.

#### director gender by half year

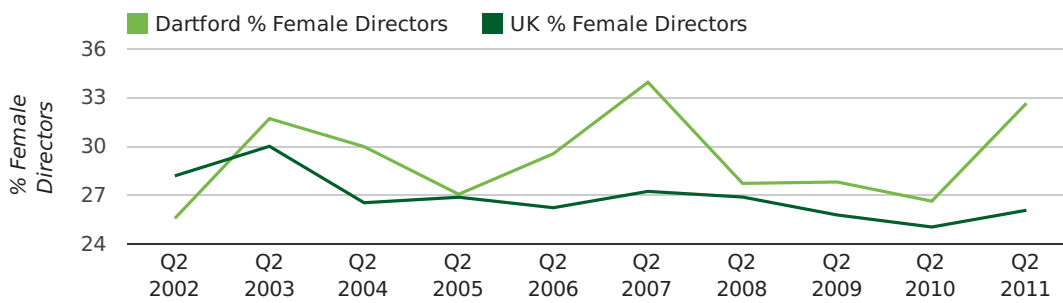


### Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

The record second quarter for female directors in Dartford was in 1866 when 66.7% of all directors were female.

32.7% of all director appointments in Dartford in the second quarter of 2011 were female. This compares to a UK average of 26.1% for the same period.

#### director gender by quarter



## Previous 12 months (Jun 2010-Jun 2011)

Excluding: LIMITED, LTD, &, UK, SERVICES, THE, (UK), AND, LTD., A, LLP, SOLUTIONS, COMPANY, OF.

| WORD         | PERCENTAGE | UK WORD      | UK PERCENTAGE |
|--------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| MANAGEMENT   | 1.95%      | CONSULTING   | 5.09%         |
| ASSOCIATES   | 1.46%      | MANAGEMENT   | 4.86%         |
| CONSTRUCTION | 1.38%      | CONSULTANCY  | 3.17%         |
| PROPERTY     | 1.14%      | PROPERTY     | 2.43%         |
| CONSULTING   | 1.14%      | TRADING      | 2.05%         |
| DARTFORD     | 1.06%      | DESIGN       | 1.94%         |
| BUILDING     | 1.06%      | ASSOCIATES   | 1.92%         |
| CONSULTANCY  | 0.89%      | BUSINESS     | 1.87%         |
| CONSULTANTS  | 0.81%      | CONSTRUCTION | 1.77%         |
| LONDON       | 0.73%      | CONSULTANTS  | 1.76%         |
| 73           | 0.73%      | MEDIA        | 1.73%         |
| HEALTH       | 0.65%      | ENGINEERING  | 1.67%         |
| TRANSPORT    | 0.65%      | LONDON       | 1.60%         |
| CONTRACTORS  | 0.65%      | GLOBAL       | 1.46%         |
| ELECTRICAL   | 0.57%      | J            | 1.44%         |
| KENT         | 0.57%      | CARE         | 1.44%         |
| ENTERPRISES  | 0.57%      | INVESTMENTS  | 1.42%         |
| CARE         | 0.49%      | IT           | 1.39%         |
| FINANCIAL    | 0.49%      | BUILDING     | 1.32%         |
| GLOBAL       | 0.49%      | PROPERTIES   | 1.31%         |
| HOME         | 0.49%      | ELECTRICAL   | 1.30%         |
| M            | 0.49%      | M            | 1.27%         |
| J            | 0.49%      | S            | 1.23%         |
| PROJECTS     | 0.49%      | ENTERPRISES  | 1.20%         |
| SAFE         | 0.41%      | SYSTEMS      | 1.20%         |

## Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

| SIC CODE   | NUMBER OF COMPANIES | UK COMPANIES |
|--|---------------------|--------------|
| None Supplied  | 393                 | 202,072      |
| 7487 - Other business activities   | 92                  | 60,758       |
| 7499 - Non-trading company   | 33                  | 10,955       |
| 7414 - Business & management consultancy                                   | 27                  | 13,053       |
| 9999 - Dormant Company   | 27                  | 20,111       |
| 82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified | 26                  | 30,647       |
| 9305 - Other service activities  | 22                  | 9,063        |
| 4521 - General construction & civil engineering                            | 22                  | 5,928        |
| 62020 - Information technology consultancy activities                      | 21                  | 10,545       |
| 99999 - Dormant Company  | 18                  | 18,918       |
| 70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management  | 17                  | 16,419       |
| 74990 - Non-trading company  | 17                  | 8,481        |
| 96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified                  | 16                  | 10,322       |
| 43999 - Other specialised construction activities not elsewhere classified | 16                  | 3,050        |
| 43390 - Other building completion and finishing                            | 15                  | 2,641        |
| 43210 - Electrical installation  | 15                  | 3,085        |
| 41201 - Construction of commercial buildings                               | 14                  | 1,465        |
| 4545 - Other building completion   | 13                  | 2,456        |
| 7222 - Other software consultancy and supply                               | 13                  | 7,143        |
| 63990 - Other information service activities not elsewhere classified      | 12                  | 1,515        |