



RURAL SERVICES NETWORK

Sparse Rural Members

**AGM OF SPARSE RURAL
AND RURAL SERVICES NETWORK**

Venue:- Local Government House, Smith
Square, London. SW1

Date: 18th November 2013

Time: 11.30am to 3.00pm

AGENDA

MEETING OF THE SPARSE RURAL SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP 11.30am - (Local Government Session)

- 1. Election of Chairman for the ensuing year**
Current Chair: Cllr R Begy – Rutland
- 2. Election of Vice Chairmen for the ensuing year**
The normal requirements are Vice Chairs representing (1) Counties; (2) Unitaries; (3) South West and South; (4) Midlands; (5) East; (6) North plus 2 ex officio.
Current Vice Chairs: Cllr C L Strange – Lincolnshire; Cllr C Motley – Shropshire; Cllr M Cotterell – Fenland; Cllr G Nicholson – Eden; Cllr Alex Folkes (sub - tbc) – Cornwall; Cllr R Heseltine – North Yorkshire
Without Portfolio – H Carrick – Cumbria; D Haley – Mid Suffolk
- 3. Election of First Vice Chair**
Current First Vice Chair Cllr C Motley – Shropshire
- 4. Constitution**
To consider any proposal for amendment(s)
(Existing Constitution enclosed as Attachment A)
- 5. Fairer Funding Campaign**
Latest position – verbal report
- 6. Performance**
Dan Bates to report

LUNCH BREAK – 12.30pm to 1.00pm

AGENDA
FULL RURAL SERVICES NETWORK MEETING – 1.00pm

- 1. Apologies for absence**
- 2. Minutes of the last full meeting – 15 July 2013**
(Attachment 1)
- 3. Minutes of the last Executive meeting – 16th September 2013**
(Attachment 2)
- 4. Minutes of the last Directors meeting – 16th September 2013**
(Attachment 3)
- 5. Membership (*Constitutional Requirement*)**
To consider the annual report on membership (verbal report)
- 6. Budget 2013/14 and 2014/15 (*Constitutional Requirement*)**
Budget report for 2013-14 and 2014/15 (Attachment 4 to follow)
- 7. RSN Services and Schedule of Meetings for 2014 (*Constitutional Requirement*)**
Kerry Booth to report on the services currently provided to members (Attachments 5, 6 and 7)
The schedule of meetings for the Executive and Main Meetings are attached (Attachment 8 and 9)
- 8. Rural Sounding Board**
Kerry Booth to report (Attachment 10)
- 9. Update on the work of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Rural Services**
Verbal report
- 10. Current Issues in the Bus Industry**
John Birtwistle to report
- 11. Post Offices**
Cllr K Potter from East Devon District Council to report
- 12. Post Office Presentation**
Presenter to be hopefully confirmed
- 13. Rural Fuel Poverty Project**
Presentation by Holly Sims, Corporate Affairs Manager, Calor
- 14. UK Policy & Practitioners Group**
Brian Wilson to report
- 15. The State of Rural Public Services 2014 (Draft)**
To receive a report from Brian Wilson
- 16. Website Update**
Johann Tasker to report
- 17. Rural Services Network Manifesto**
(Attachment 11 – 2010 and beyond Manifesto)

- 18. EFRA Select Committee Conclusions and Recommendations**
(Attachment 12)
- 19. Report on the RSP Service Groups**
 - (a) Housing
 - (b) Health
 - (c) Crime
 - (d) Fire
 - (e) Transport
- 20. Rural England**
David Inman to report verbally on the current situation following a meeting on the 11th of November
- 21. Future Distribution of Meeting Papers and Minutes**
David Inman to report on the LGA proposal
- 22. Community Group**
To receive any representations/appearances from an email circulated in October
- 23. Any Other Business**