



**Meeting of THE RURAL ASSEMBLY Sub SIG
(incorporating SPARSE Rural Members, Rural Assembly Members and
the Rural Services Partnership Meeting)**

**Venue:- Smith Square Rooms 1 & 2, Local Government House, Smith Square,
London SW1P 3HZ**

Date: Monday 11th April 2016

Time: 12.30 pm to 3.15 pm

- 1. Apologies for absence**
- 2. Minutes** of the last Rural Assembly meeting – 16th November 2015
(Attachment 1)
- 3. Minutes** of the last Executive meeting – 18th January 2016
(Attachment 2)
- 4. Budget Report for 2015/16 and 2016/17**
(Attachment 3 to follow)
- 5. Mains Gas Supply Networks in Rural Areas.**
Cllr Rosemary Doyle to present.
- 6. Rural Services Network Events**
 - a) The Rural Conference**
To discuss the plans for 2016
 - b) 2015-16 Rural Services Network Seminar Programme**
Graham Biggs to report (Attachment 4 – draft Seminar Report)
- 7. Devolution: to discuss the attached draft Policy Briefing Paper and thereby establish RSN Policy on Devolution**
(Attachment 5)

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8. Rural Sounding Board

To discuss the results of the recent Principal Council and Parish Council Sounding Boards to date.

9. Widening the Sounding Boards

To discuss the plans for the future.

10. Report on the RSP Service Groups

- (a) Housing
- (b) Health
- (c) Crime
- (d) Fire
- (e) Transport

11. Housing Bill – An Update on the Current Position

Monica Burns, National Housing Federation, to present.

12. LEPs and Rural Areas

Andy Dean to present.

13. Any Other Business

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