

# RSN Finance Seminar

Wednesday 23.03.2016



**Venue:** Mountbatten Room, The Royal Overseas League, Over-Seas House, Park Place, St. James's Street, London, SW1A 1LR

## Event Programme:

11.00 to 11.10am	<b>Introduction</b>	<b>Graham Biggs</b>
11.10 to 11.40am	<b>Finance Settlement 16/17 - 19/20 - a rural perspective</b> In-depth review of the recent settlement and the impact on the rural/ urban split	<b>Dan Bates</b>
11.40 to 12.15pm	<b>Business rates – a rural perspective</b> Summary of the key analysis and conclusions from Pixel's report for RSN on business rates	<b>Adrian Jenkins</b>
12.15 to 12.40pm	<b>Budget 2016 – what are the implications for local government?</b> Analysis of the Budget (published on 16 March 2016) and the impact on local government	<b>Dan Bates</b>
12.40 to 1.25pm	<b>BREAK</b>	
1.25 to 2.00pm	<b>Future changes in the local government finance system</b> Overview of the potential changes in local government finance in the rest of the parliament and identification of potential impact on rural authorities, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Review of needs</li><li>• Revaluation and 100% rates retention</li><li>• Devolution and reorganisation</li></ul>	<b>Adrian Jenkins</b>
2.00 to 2.40pm	<b>Future funding – the rural “ask”</b> Summary of what rural authorities could ask for on needs, business rates, devolution; thoughts about potential lobbying strategy	<b>Adrian Jenkins</b>
2.40 to 3.00pm	<b>Open Forum</b>	
3.00pm	<b>CLOSE</b>	<b>Graham Biggs</b>