





# **Rural Programmes**

# CVS Rural Infrastructure & Delivery Challenges

- Rural Community Councils (RCCs)
- Operating environment
- Key current challenges
- What we deliver



# Rural Community Councils (RCCs)



- 38 RCCs
- ACRE
- Charitable local development agencies
- "Helping communities to help themselves"
- All very different





#### **Community Action Northumberland**

Our mission is to benefit and help sustain rural communities in Northumberland by:

Promoting Rural Issues ('Rural Voice')

Empowering Organisations

Supporting Individuals



# **Operating environment**













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## **Operating environment**

#### CAN's recent experience

- Infrastructure support
- End of lottery funds
- Defra funding
- Focus on strengths
- Diversification of income
- Reinvigorated Board

Year	Surplus / (Deficit)
2014/15	(£23,000)
2015/16	(£19,000)
2016/17	£3000

## **Challenges & Opportunities**

Northumberland

- Partnership v Competition
- Chase funding v Maintain objectives
- Core costs
  v
  Additional capacity
- Innovation v Tried & tested
- Development v Delivery
- Rural needs v Urban needs
- Efficient delivery v Huge geography
- Strategic planning v Opportunism



### What we do – some examples

- Infrastructure support
  - Village halls/community buildings
  - Parish/Town Councils
- Rural deprivation report
- Fuel poverty/energy efficiency
- Transport
- Economy & unemployment
- Housing
- Consultancy & community engagement



Skills & Opportunities Fund



Northumberland

- Warm Hubs
  - 20 venues
  - Newcastle rollout
- OilCAN & EnergyCAN
  - Durham partnership
- Energy Roadshows
- Smart Meters GB
- Winter fuel payments
- Community Energy Agents



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### **Economic Development & Housing**

- Rural Connect
  - 37 rural enterprise hubs
  - Ongoing support
- Community-led development network
- Community Housing Fund











#### **Thank You**

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