RURAL VULNERABILITY DAY

Monday 11th February 2019 11am – 3.45pm
Jubilee Room, Annexe of Westminster Hall,
Houses of Parliament

AGENDA

STATE OF RURAL SERVICES LAUNCH

11:00 – 11:30 REGISTRATION (Refreshments available on arrival)

11:30 – 11:35 INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME: PHILIP DUNNE MP
Chair of APPG Rural Services

11:35 – 11:55 LAUNCH OF THE STATE OF RURAL SERVICES REPORT 2018
Presentation by Brian Wilson, author of report and
Chair of Rural England CIC

11:55 – 12:00 LORD GARDINER OF KIMBLE
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
(Rural Affairs and Biosecurity)

12:00 – 12:30 DISCUSSION ON STATE OF RURAL SERVICES ISSUES
Chaired by Margaret Clark CBE,
Chair of Rural England Stakeholders’ Group

12:30 – 13.15 LUNCH AND NETWORK SESSION
EMPOWERING RURAL COMMUNITIES TO COMBAT RURAL VULNERABILITY
(Afternoon kindly sponsored by the National Housing Federation and gas network distributor Cadent)

13:15 – 13:20 INTRODUCTION: REBECCA POW MP
Deputy Chair of APPG Rural Services

13:20 – 14:10 FIRST SESSION: HOUSING
Case Study 1: Providing affordable homes in challenging rural housing markets (10 mins)
Presentation by Teresa Jamieson, Vice-Chairman, Grayshott & District HA

Case Study 2: Creating community facilities AND building affordable homes for local people (10 mins)
Presentation by Christine Duggan, Director of Housing and Wellbeing, Connexus

Case Study 3: Villages Together - working with rural communities (10 mins)
Presentation by Angela Gascoigne, Chief Executive, SHAL Housing

Case Study 4: Regenerating a disused hospital to provide affordable housing, community facilities and a business hub (10 mins)
Presentation by Henry Lee, External Policy & Research Co-ordinator, Hastoe Housing Association

14:10 – 14:30 SECOND SESSION: FUEL POVERTY
Rural England Fuel Poverty Update Report (20 mins)
Presentation by Dr Jane Hart, Director, Rural England CIC

14:30 – 15:00 THIRD SESSION: RURAL VULNERABILITY
Understanding Rural Vulnerability (30 mins)
Presentation by Jo Giles, Customer Safeguarding Manager, Cadent

15:00 – 15:20 FOURTH SESSION: RURAL TRANSPORT
Moving Towards Rural Vibrancy (20 mins)
Presentation by Mike Axon, Board Director, Vectos

15:20 – 15:40 PANEL DISCUSSION
Chaired by Graham Biggs MBE, Chief Executive, Rural Services Network and Company Secretary, Rural England CIC
Panel Members: Harriet English, Head of Engagement, Plunkett Foundation
Rob Henderson, Public Affairs Manager, Age UK and
Tracy Clark, CEO, Young Gloucestershire

15:40 – 15:45 CLOSING COMMENTS: DR DAVID DREW MP
Vice-Chair of APPG Rural Services