



**AGENDA FOR SPARSE RURAL AND RURAL SERVICE
NETWORK**

**EXECUTIVE AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE RURAL
SERVICES PARTNERSHIP LTD MEETING**

Venue:- Millbank Room, LGA, Smith Square, London. SW1

Date: Monday 14th September 2015

Time: 11.30am to 2.30pm

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Notes of the Previous Meeting

Monday 22nd June 2015 – Attachment 1

3. Notes of the Main Meeting

Monday 13th July 2015 – Attachments 2(a) & 2(b)

4. Agenda

Main meeting agenda items in relation to the meeting on Monday 16th November 2015.

5. Fairer Funding

(a) Our general position.

(b) Establishing a time table in relation to the 2016-17 settlement

(c) APPG- Fairer Funding parliamentary group situation.

(d) Appeal out to non- members.

Attachment 3

6. Fairer Funding Police and Public Health Formulae.

Consultations are currently taking place on suggested formula changes.

To discuss the situations arising and consider the Group's position.

Attachment 4

7. Fire and Rescue Group to report the current position.

8. English Devolution. To discuss the continuing position.

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- 9. Advanced Austerity -- General Discussion**
- 10. Budget for 2015-16 and draft of budget for 2016-17**
Attachment 5
- 11. Budget in respect of Rural England.**
Attachment 6
- 12. Rural Conference – Cheltenham September 8th and 9th**
Debrief.
- 13. Future of Rural Communities- Discussion Paper.** To discuss this recently issued Defra document – Attachments 7 and 8.
- 14. Threshold for small sites in rural areas.** Successful legal challenge of the government's decision. Andy Dean to report.
- 15. Rural Health Conference – 29th January 2016 House of Lords, London**
To report on this intended day event.
- 16. Rural Housing Conference - (Rural Housing Alliance) House of Lords 9th July 2015**
Debrief.
- 17. Rural Unitary Group- the next meeting will take place on Monday 28th of September.**
- 18. APPG -** To report the intended programme for 2015-16.
- 19. Any Other Business**

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