



**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 22nd June 2015

Time: 11.30am to 2.30pm

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Notes of the Previous Meeting

Monday 19th January 2015 – Attachment 1

3. Notes of the Main Meetings

Monday 13th of April 2015 – Attachment 2

4. Agenda

Main meeting – Monday 13th July 2015 To discuss its format.

5. Fairer Funding

(a) Progressing issues under the new government. Advanced Austerity General Discussion

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

(c) APPG- Fairer Funding parliamentary group situation

6. Manifestos (a) ACRE and NALC – Attachment 3

(b) Conservative Party Manifesto- Attachment 4

7. English Devolution. To discuss.

8. Blue Skies item on priorities for the following year.

9. Rural Broadband – Helen Briggs & Matt Smith Rural Unitary Group to attend

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- 10. Budget for 2014-5 and first draft of budget for 2015-16-** Attachment 5 & 6.
- 11. Budget in respect of Rural England** - Attachment 7.
- 12. Going Forward Part 2** – Attachment 8.
- 13. Rural Conference – Cheltenham September 8th and 9th**
Update Report
- 14. Rural Health Conference - Truro 11th June 2015**
To examine the position arising due to this postponment
- 15. Rural Housing Conference - (Rural Housing Alliance) House of Lords 9th July 2015**
To report the position
- 16. Classification of Local Authorities in England**
Report on the changes made by DEFRA and to consider the position in relation to Sparse Rural and the Rural Assembly. To examine the position in relation to a possible sub classification- Draft Defra Letter attached- Attachment 9.

To consider representations made- Attachment 10.
- 17. RSP Current membership position**
- 18. Report back from Rural England Meeting of 8th of June-** verbal report
- 19. Working Relationships with ACRE**
- 20. Transport Sub Group-** report back
- 21. Annual Report to the LGA (2015) to report-** Attachment 10
- 22. APPG**
To report the 'new' grouping emerging.
- 23. Any Other Business**

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