

RSN Seminar: Rural Economy
Online via Zoom
11:00–13:00, Wednesday, 29th April 2026

Agenda

- 11:00 **Welcome & Introduction to the topic of the Rural Economy**
[Kerry Booth](#), Chief Executive, [Rural Services Network](#)
- 11:10 **Professor Jeremy Phillipson, Director and Melanie Thompson-Glen, Head of Business and Innovation, [National Innovation Centre for Rural Enterprise](#)**
“Combined Authorities and the rural lens: establishing the North East Coastal and Rural Task Force”
Short Q&A with the speakers
- 11:30 **Katie Dalsgaard, Strategic Growth and Skills Manager, [Cornwall Council](#)**
“The Future Funding Landscape for Economic Growth- the impact for rural areas”
Short Q&A with the speaker
- 11:50 **Lisa Courtney, Town Clerk, [Saffron Walden Town Council](#)**
“Making a Difference”
Short Q&A with the speaker
- 12:10 **Open forum discussion led by Kerry Booth, Chief Executive of RSN focusing on the Rural Economy**
Wider discussion with evidence and examples of Good Practice that members wish to share.
- 13:00 **Close of Seminar**

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