



# RURAL SERVICES NETWORK

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## **AGENDA OF SPARSE RURAL AND RURAL SERVICES NETWORK**

**Venue:- Local Government House, Smith Square, London. SW1**

***Rathbone Rooms 1 & 2***

**Date: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2013**

**Time: 11.30am to 3.30pm**

### **NOTES:**

**Sandwiches will be available from 12.30pm.**

**A map of the venue is attached.**

### **AGENDA SPARSE RURAL MEETING 11.30am to 12.30pm**

- 1. 2012/13 Settlement/Business Rates Situation**  
Dan Bates to report
- 2. Fairer Funding Campaign – Future Activity**  
Graham Biggs to Report
- 3. Funding the new Public Health Duties**  
Graham Biggs to Report
- 4. Freeze Grant Survey**  
Dan Bates to report
- 5. Change to constitution**  
To consider the position

**BREAK FOR LUNCH**

## **FULL RURAL SERVICES NETWORK MEETING – 12.45pm to 3.30pm**

- 1. Apologies for absence**
- 2. Minutes of the last full meeting – 19 November 2012 (AGM)**  
(Attachment A)
- 3. Minutes of the Executive Meeting – 7 February 2013**  
(Attachment B)
- 4. Rural Fair Share Campaign**  
Graham Biggs to report
- 5. Structuring of Sparse Rural Group**  
Predominantly Rural – Significant Rural  
Representation and Research Arms  
David Inman to report
- 6. Budget**  
Graham Biggs to report 2011/12 and 2012/13  
Report (Attachment C)
- 7. A Unitary Special Interest Group**  
To report the current position
- 8. State of the Rural Public Services 2012**  
Report by Brian Wilson (Attachment D)
- 9. Nick Goodman**  
Charity Leader - CHANGE AGENTS UK  
Presentation - Fuel Poverty and energy efficiency in rural areas
- 10. Measuring Child Poverty**  
Graham Biggs to report - Consultation response (Attachment E)
- 11. RSP**  
Verbal report on developments relating to the formation of:-  
Crime and Fear of Crime Group; Fire Group; Housing Group; Health Group;  
Transport Group
- 12. UK Rural Policy and Practitioners Group**  
To give an updated report on group progress
- 13. Revised Service and Website**  
David Inman to report
- 14. Items from the Long Grass**

INCORPORATING:

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