

## Notes of last SPARSE Rural meeting

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**Title:** SPARSE Rural Meeting  
Rural Services Network Special Interest Group

**Date:** Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020

**Venue:** Hosted Online via Zoom

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### Item Decisions and Actions

- 1 Attendance & Apologies for absence.**  
Cllr Cecilia Motley (Chair) welcomed members to the meeting. The group noted apologies for the meeting. A list of attendees/apologies can be found in **Appendix A**.
- 2 Notes from the previous SPARSE Rural meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020.**  
(Attachment 1)  
Notes from the previous SPARSE Rural meeting which took place on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020 were accepted as an accurate record.
- 3 Notes from the previous RSN Executive meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2020.** (Attachment 2)  
Notes from the previous RSN Executive Meeting which took place on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2020 were noted.  
Graham Biggs MBE (Chief Executive, Rural Services Network) noted that the RSN AGM/Rural Assembly will receive a formal report on the Executive's decisions on Item 2 *Thoughts for the Future of the Network*.
- 4 Notes from the previous RSN Executive on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2020.** (Attachment 3)  
Notes from the previous RSN Executive Meeting which took place on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2020 were noted.  
Graham Biggs updated on several items from the minutes:
  - Item 5: As stated above further feedback on the decisions regarding member engagement will be reported to the AGM.
  - Item 6: Special discussion on planning white paper is being held on 20/10/2020. A paper will be presented to this meeting on the draft RSN response on planning proposals and final member consultation will take place immediately following the meeting.
  - Item 16: A Rural Services APPG meeting with Chief Secretary of the Treasury is being held on 13/10/20 to discuss the Comprehensive Spending Review.
  - Item 16: The meeting planned for 28/10/20 with Matt Warman MP (Minister for Digital Infrastructure) has been postponed due to Parliamentary recess and will

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be rearranged.

**5 Presentation on Local Government Finance by Adrian Jenkins, Founder and Chief Analyst at Pixel Financial Management.**

The Chair invited Adrian Jenkins (Founder & Chief Analyst, Pixel Financial Management) to present on Local Government Finance. Adrian explained that COVID has increased uncertainty around local government finance and exacerbated existing issues.

Please note that full notes outlining what was discussed in this item are available only to [SPARSE member of the RSN](#). If you are a SPARSE member of RSN and would like to view the full notes, please email us at [admin@sparse.gov.uk](mailto:admin@sparse.gov.uk) with the title of this meeting and date and a request for full notes and presentation, and we will forward you this information.

**6 Any Other Business.**

There was no other business.

The next SPARSE Rural meeting will be held on Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

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**Appendix A**

**Attendance**

Cllr Cecilia Motley (Chair)	Rural Services Network and Shropshire Council
Cllr Giles Archibald	South Lakeland District Council
Cllr Philip Atkins	Staffordshire County Council
Cllr Owen Bierley	West Lindsey District Council
Graham Biggs MBE	Rural Services Network
Steve Blatch	North Norfolk District Council
Kerry Booth	Rural Services Network
Cllr Markus Campbell-Savours	Allerdale Borough Council
Cllr Marion Chapman-Allen	Breckland Council
Cllr Stephen Clarke	South Northamptonshire Council
Sam Corcoran	Cheshire East Council
Lois Dale	Shropshire Council
Michelle Drewery	Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk
Cllr John Evans	Uttlesford District Council
Cllr Marion Fitzgerald	Allerdale Borough Council
Martin Flitcroft	Teignbridge District Council
Rebecca Floyd	Malvern Hills District Council
Cllr Richard Good	Richmondshire District Council
Cllr Michael Harris	New Forest District Council
Nik Harwood	Young Somerset
Simon Hewings	South Oxfordshire & Vale of White Horse District Councils
John Hewitt	Durham County Council
David Heyes	Torridge District Council
George Hill	Stratford-on-Avon District Council
Claire Holt	Durham County Council
Sophie Hosking	Cornwall Council
David Inman	Rural Services Network
Adrian Jenkins	Pixel Financial Management
Richard Kember	Local Government Association
Sonia Lambert	East Suffolk Council
Alice Mason	Wychavon District Council
Toby Matthews	Norfolk County Council
Andrea McCallum	Hampshire County Council
Sean McGrath	Lancashire County Council
Guy McQueen	Lewes District & Eastbourne Borough Councils
Cllr Suzie Morley	Mid Suffolk District Council
Cllr John Nutley	Teignbridge District Council
Cllr Yvonne Peacock	Richmondshire District Council
Cllr Roger Phillips	Herefordshire Council

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Sarah Pochin  
Cllr Aaron Powell  
Sheryle Price-Jones  
Toyubur Rahman  
Cllr Rupert Reichhold  
Louise Richardson  
Cllr Jeremy Savage  
Melanie Sealey  
Cllr Peter Seib  
Cllr Richard Sherras  
Cllr Margaret Squires  
Cllr Peter Stevens  
Cllr Virginia Taylor  
Anthony Thomas  
Nadine Trout  
Cllr Sue Tucker  
Cllr Lynda Turner  
Richard Weigh  
Cllr Mark Whittington  
Dan Worth  
Richard Wyles

Cheshire East Council  
Wychavon District Council  
North Lincolnshire Council  
Chichester District Council  
East Northamptonshire Council  
Leicestershire County Council  
South Norfolk Council  
Devon County Council  
South Somerset District Council  
Ribble Valley Borough Council  
Mid Devon District Council  
West Suffolk Council  
Eden District Council  
Lichfield District Council  
Rural Services Network  
Scarborough Borough Council  
Breckland Council  
Craven District Council  
Lincolnshire County Council  
Rural Services Network  
South Kesteven District Council

### **Apologies**

Cllr Paul Arnott  
Cllr Timothy Birt  
Cllr Roy Brame  
Sarah Butikofer  
Cllr Gwilym Butler  
Jo Calvert  
Cllr Ian Carrington  
Fatima de Abreu  
Cllr Alan Dean  
James Easter  
Cllr Richard Foss  
Dawn French  
Cllr Virginia Gay  
Lorraine Gore  
Alan Gray  
Cllr Roger Habgood  
Cllr Paul Hayward  
Anton Hodge  
Cllr Gordon Hook  
Cllr Ken James

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South Somerset District Council  
North Kesteven District Council  
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Cllr Patrick Kimber	West Devon Borough Council
Cllr Phil King	Harborough District Council
Sue Kirby	Rutland County Council
Kevin Larner	Cherwell District Council
Cllr Carl Les	North Yorkshire County Council
Caroline Lingham	Sevenoaks District Council
Cllr Eileen Lintill	Chichester District Council
Cllr James MacCleary	Lewes District Council
Emily MacDowell	Harrogate Borough Council
Martyne Manning	Stafford Borough Council
Alistair Neill	Herefordshire County Council
Catherine Nicholson	Allerdale Borough Council
Wendy Perera	Isle of Wight Council
Jenny Poole	Cotswold District Council
Gary Powell	Teignbridge District Council
Emily Preston	Hampshire County Council
Cllr John Raper	Ryedale District Council
Julia Raven	South Northamptonshire Council
Rose Rouse	Eden District Council
Russell Stone	North Kesteven District Council
James Tennant	Enterprising East Northants
Anthony Thomas	Lichfield District Council
Kevin Thomas	Rutland County Council
Cllr Peter Thornton	South Lakeland District Council
Cllr Cosi Towneley	Lancashire County Council
Cllr Anthony Trollope-Bellew	Somerset West and Taunton District Council
Cllr John Ward	Babergh District Council
Cllr Sarah Whalley-Hoggins	Stratford District Council
Helen Wright	East Riding of Yorkshire Council

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