

# Rural Strategy Roadshow & South East Regional Seminar

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Chichester District Council

Committee Room 1&2, East Pallant House,

Chichester, West Sussex, PO19 1TY

Thank you to Chichester District Council for kindly hosting this event.

## Agenda

- 11.00 - 11.30** Registration accompanied by tea & coffee on arrival
- 11.30 - 11.40** Welcome by the event host Cllr Eileen Lintill, Leader of Chichester District Council

### **PART 1: It's Time for a Rural Strategy Campaign**

**Why are the RSN and Partner Rural Organisations Calling for a Rural Strategy and What did the House of Lord's Select Committee on the Rural Economy say?**

- 11.40 - 12.10** Time for a Rural Strategy  
Graham Biggs, Chief Executive of Rural Services Network

- 12.10 - 12.55** Issues Relating to the Rural Economy
- Speaker 1**  
Thriving or Surviving? National Park Economies in Transition  
Andrew Lee, Director of Countryside Policy & Management at South Downs National Park
- Speaker 2**  
Rural West Sussex Partnerships research into the local rural economy and the work of Coast to Capital LEP  
Simon Matthews, Executive Director at Rural West Sussex Partnership

## **12.55 - 13.35      Lunch and Networking**

### **PART 2: How should we take things forward? Who should be involved? How do we make it happen?**

**13.35 - 14.00**      Jeremy Leggett, ACRE  
Emerging Priorities for the Rural Coalition in the current context

**14.00 - 14.20**      Graham Biggs, RSN  
What is the RSN proposing to do next to promote these issues

#### **14.20 - 14.30      Discussion 1**

- If you could ask the Government for 2 things for rural areas, what would they (in priority order) be?
- Do you support the general thrust of the RSN proposals for the way forward?

#### **14.30 - 14.45      Feedback to Plenary from Discussion 1**

#### **14.45 - 14.50      Short Break**

#### **14.50 - 15.35      Discussion 2**

- Are there particular regional perspectives from the South East we need to highlight in the Rural Strategy?
- How would a Rural Strategy help the South East Region?
- How can we work together to make this happen?

#### **15.35 - 15.50      Feedback to Plenary from Discussion 2**

**15.50 - 16.30**      General debate and Q&A session with representatives of the Partner Organisations

**16.30**                Closing comments and any other business