



AGENDA
Rural Economy Group

Venue:- City of Westminster Archives Centre, 10 St Ann's Street, London SW1P 2DE

Date: Monday 29th January 2018

Time: 11.00 a.m. to 12.45 p.m.

ALL NOMINATED MEMBERS AND OFFICERS OF RSN ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THIS MEETING.

The meeting is being held at the City of Westminster Archives, 10 St Ann's St, Westminster, London SW1P 2DE. Visitor information and a map for the venue can be found in the links below:

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1. Why are we setting up this new Group?

Opening remarks by Graham Biggs RSN Chief Executive.

2. What should the remit of this Group cover?

It is suggested it covers formulation of a Rural Viewpoint on all issues relating to, and impacting on, the Rural Economy (including Broadband/Mobile Connectivity and BREXIT) for the RSN to take forward.

If that is confirmed future Agendas would therefore, in addition to going to nominated Councillors and Portfolio Holders/Officers for Economic Development and Lead Members, also go out to Heads of Economic Development.

3. Current Issues

To hear from members what they consider to be the current issues and priorities but including examples of best practice.

4. INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY: What should the Rural Response be

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5. Items put forward by members:

- **Joint work between Heart of SW LEP, and Dorset and Cornwall & Isles of Scilly in establishing a Rural Commission.**
- **West Somerset: Opportunity Department for Education Programme**
- **Cllr Peter Thornton: Rural Broadband**
- **Ian Hunter, Littoral Rural Arts Trust: New Creative Rural Economies report and Creative and Digital Rural Economy R&D initiative**
- **Claire Walters Chief Executive Bus Users UK - the perceived situation in England from a user group viewpoint.**
- **John Birtwistle, Head of Policy – UK Bus, First Buses- rural transport, the current situation from an operators perspective.**

6. Any Other Business

The next meeting of this Group is scheduled for 25th JUNE 2018.

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