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Rural proofing and the new service delivery agenda

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Rural Statement

Rural Statistical Digest of England

Local and National Rural proofing guidelines

EFRA Select committee

Lord Cameron Review



Rural proofing belongs to everyone

11+ Government departments & other bodies cover policies affecting rural people

X Government responsibility –

Rural Proofing Commitment

Rural stakeholder conduit -

RFN, Rural Coalition, RCAN

RCPU X Government policy interventions -

DWP – Discretionary Housing Grant

DfE – National Schools Funding Formula

BIS – Community Learning rural learning provision

DCLG – Rural Libraries funding



Government visions for future service delivery

Localism Bill

The Compact

Big Society

Open Public Services

NHS - Any suitable provider

Mutuals & Co-operatives

Community maintenance, management and
budgetary control

Delivering Differently

Post Office Network Transformation & Front Office for
Government



Innovative and creative approaches: a necessary response

Innovation from evolution – needs must

Continuous improvement - Local Authority ethos making good things better

Natural responses to :

- Economic climate
- New and extended powers
- Changing service requirements
- **Changing socio - economic and demographic context** - higher expectations and complex needs.
- **Political priorities**



Why this research?

Face of service provision is changing

The State is not only player in town

Models vary in size and shape -

Community Sector flexing it's muscles – a chance to shine

Peripheral delivery models now mainstream

One size doesn't fit all

Need to test rural application



Questions

Rural proofing national guidelines

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guide-to-rural-proofing-national-guidelines>

Rural Statistical Digest of England

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/statistics/files/rural-urban-guidance-notes.pdf>

