Agenda
Vulnerability Group Meeting
Online via Zoom
11:00-12:00, Wednesday 18 November 2026

11:00 **Welcome & Scene Setting**
Kerry Booth, Chief Executive, Rural Services Network

11:10 **Lauren Giddins, Village Agent Programme Manager, Thrive Somerset**
"Connecting communities when it matters most"
Short Q&A with the speaker

11:30 **Open forum discussion led by Kerry Booth, Chief Executive, Rural Services Network**
Wider discussion focusing on:

- Why are rural communities vulnerable?
- How can we help policy makers identify vulnerable communities?
- Are there good practice examples of how we can support rural communities to reduce their vulnerability especially ahead of the Winter months?

12:00 **Close of Meeting**



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