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Rural Area Working Party

***Thursday 21 January 2010 at 5.00 pm
in Room GFR14, West Suffolk House, Western Way, Bury St Edmunds***

CONSTITUTION: *Chairman:* *Councillor J Thorndyke*
 Vice-Chairman: *Mrs S O Broughton*

FULL MEMBERS:

| <u><i>Conservative</i></u> <u><i>Members (8)</i></u> | <u><i>Liberal Democrat</i></u> <u><i>Member (1)</i></u> | <u><i>LLINK</i></u> <u><i>Member (1)</i></u> |
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| <i>Mrs Bone</i> | <i>Chappell</i> | <i>Redhead</i> |
| <i>Mrs Broughton</i> | | |
| <i>Mrs Levack</i> | | |
| <i>Ray</i> | | |
| <i>Spicer</i> | | |
| <i>Stevens</i> | | |
| <i>Thorndyke</i> | | |
| <i>Mrs Whittaker</i> | | |

SUBSTITUTES:

| <u><i>Conservative</i></u> <u><i>Members (3)</i></u> | <u><i>Liberal Democrat</i></u> <u><i>Member (1)</i></u> | <u><i>LLINK</i></u> <u><i>Member (1)</i></u> |
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| <i>Mrs Charlesworth</i> | <i>Vacancy</i> | <i>Nettleton</i> |
| <i>Clifton-Brown</i> | | |
| <i>Houlder</i> | | |

QUORUM: *Four Members*

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Agenda

Procedural Matters

1. Substitutes

Any Member who is substituting for another Member should so indicate together with the name of the relevant absent Member.

2. Apologies for Absence

3. Minutes

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 12 November 2009 (copy attached).

4. Declarations of Interests

Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any personal or prejudicial interest which they have in any item of business on the agenda no later than when that item is reached and, when appropriate, to leave the meeting prior to discussion and voting on the item.

Part 1 – Public

5. Rural Area Working Party Work Programme

Report **A469** attached.

6. Parish Council Conference: Update

Report **A470** attached.

7. Business Rates and the Revaluation – the effect on our Rural Community

Presentation by Hayley Urquhart, Deputy Revenues and Benefits Manager

8. St Edmundsbury Rural Youth Work Programme

Report **A471** attached.

9. Economic Action Plan

Report **A472** attached.

10. Review of Rural Area Funding: Scoping Paper

Report **A473** attached.

11. BT Public Payphone Removal Consultation 2009

The final decision on the 53 BT payphone proposals included in the notification from BT on 6 October will be made by Cabinet on 20 January 2010. Report A462 to Cabinet in relation to this item is attached for members of the Rural Area Working Party for information purposes. An oral update on the outcome of the Cabinet's consideration of this matter will be given at this meeting.

12. Dates of Future Meetings

The following dates for future meetings are put forward for the Working Party to approve:-

15 April 2010;
17 June 2010;
30 September 2010;
18 November 2010;
13 January 2011;
10 March 2011; and
12 May 2011.

All dates are Thursdays and meetings to commence at 5.00 pm.

In relation to the proposed meeting on 15 April 2010, the Working Party had asked for alternative dates to be investigated. However, any earlier date would result in a significant gap in between meetings and a later date would probably mean very little business would accumulate between meetings.

Part 2 – Private

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