



St Edmundsbury
BOROUGH COUNCIL

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**Rural Area Working Party
15 June 2011**

**Rural Area Working Party
Work Programme**

**Attached is the Working Party's
Current Work Programme**

Rural Area Working Party Work Programme for 2011

What	Purpose	Source	When	Officer Lead
Rural Action Plan	To seek approval to put the draft Rural Action Plan forward for consultation To seek final approval for the 2011-14 Rural Action Plan	Core business identified by Cabinet	January 2011 March 2011	Kirsty Pitwood
Parish Conference planning	To consult Members on Parish Conference planning	Requested by Rural Area Working Party Members	January 2011 June 2011	Kate Blazeby Dawn Hale
Local Development Framework/ Rural Vision 2031	To keep Members apprised of progress	Requested by Rural Area Working Party Members	January 2011 March 2011 Then as required throughout the year	Ian Poole
Rural youth work programme	To update Members on progress in Summer 2011 and the future plans for 2012	Suggestion by Head of Service	January 2011 September/ November 2011	Simon Pickering
Cleansing	To provide a progress report on the new cleansing schedule, followed by a summary outlining how the new bin rounds are working	Requested by Rural Area Working Party Members	March 2011	Mark Walsh
Rural transport	To discuss with Suffolk County Council and rural transport operators the impacts of the rural bus service cuts	Requested by Rural Area Working Party Member	June 2011	Alex Wilson
Benefit cheques cashed in post offices	Narrative - To outline the potential impact on rural communities following the announcement that post offices will no longer be able to cash benefit cheques	Suggestion by Cllr Whittaker	June 2011	Kirsty Pitwood

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Community safety issues	To look at community safety issues that affect the rural areas (Nb. This should not duplicate the report which goes to Overview & Scrutiny Committee each year which monitors Community Safety Partnership activity as the designated	Suggestion by Head of Service	September 2011	Helen Lindfield
Suffolk Circle	To enable a representative from Suffolk Circle (www.suffolkcircle.org.uk), a Membership organisation for people over 50, to give Members a brief overview of Suffolk Circle, to explain the successes they have had so far in West Suffolk, and to say how they would like Ward Members to help spread the word.	Suggestion by Officer	September 2011	Suffolk Circle
Rural voluntary organisations	Suggestions as to how the council can enhance the support that it offers to rural voluntary organisations	Suggestion by Cllr Chappell	Not decided at this stage	Not decided at this stage
Parish Plans	To inform Members of the process involved in creating a Parish Plan, and producing housing needs surveys (we will seek to invite Annette Gray from Suffolk ACRE)	Requested by Rural Area Working Party Member	Anytime from January 2011	N/A