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## ***Rural Area Working Party***

***Wednesday 9 November 2011 at 5.00 pm  
in Room GFR14, West Suffolk House, Western Way, Bury St Edmunds***

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

***FULL MEMBERS:***

<u><i>Conservative</i></u> <u><i>Members (8)</i></u>	<u><i>Independent</i></u> <u><i>Group Member (1)</i></u>	<u><i>Labour</i></u> <u><i>Member (1)</i></u>
<i>Mrs Broughton</i> <i>Clifton-Brown</i> <i>Hale</i> <i>Pugh</i> <i>Ray</i> <i>Stevens</i> <i>Thorndyke</i> <i>Mrs Whittaker</i>	<i>Redhead</i>	<i>VACANCY</i>

***SUBSTITUTES:***

<u><i>Conservative</i></u> <u><i>Members (3)</i></u>	<u><i>Independent</i></u> <u><i>Group Member (1)</i></u>	<u><i>Labour</i></u> <u><i>Member (1)</i></u>
<i>Houlder</i> <i>Mrs Rushen</i> <i>VACANCY</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>	<i>VACANCY</i>

***QUORUM:***               ***Four Members***

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during the meeting, unless exceptional  
circumstances require otherwise.***

**FIRE SAFETY**

Please note that in the event of a fire during this meeting, the Fire Warden responsible for the evacuation of the Meeting Room is Alex Wilson, Corporate Director Community Services.

# *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 record of the meeting held on 12 September 2011 (copy attached).

**4. Declaration 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. Update on Suffolk ACRE's Local Food Project**

Tim Freathy, Community Development Officer (Local Food) of Suffolk ACRE will provide an oral report to the Working Party in respect of this item.

**6. Parish Conference De-Brief: 20 October 2011**

Dawn Hale, Management Support Officer will provide an oral report to the Working Party in respect of this item.

**7. Suffolk School Organisation Review: Restructuring the Thurston Area**

In addition to Report **C210** attached, Ian Poole, Planning Policy and Specialist Services Manager will provide an oral report in respect of this item, together with Joy Stodart from Children and Young People's Services Schools Infrastructure Section at Suffolk County Council.

Representatives from the Group involved with establishing a proposed Free School in Ixworth have also been invited to attend the meeting and present their views.

**8. St Edmundsbury's Rural Youth Work Programme: Update**

Report **C211** attached.

**9. St Edmundsbury Borough Council's Support to Rural Voluntary and Community Organisations**

Report **C212** attached.

**10. Rural Area Working Party Work Programme**

Report **C213** attached.

**11. Dates of Future Meetings**

The Working Party has already determined the following dates for future meetings in 2012:-

Monday 23 January (This meeting had originally been arranged for 17 January 2012 and has been moved to primarily consider the draft Rural Vision 2031 document.); and  
Wednesday 14 March.

Both meetings to commence at 5.00 pm.

**Part 2 – Private**

**NONE**