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Rural Area Working Party

***Monday 3 September 2012 at 5.00 pm
in Room GFR13, West Suffolk House, Western Way, Bury St Edmunds***

CONSTITUTION: *Chairman: To be elected*
 Vice-Chairman: To be appointed

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> |
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| <i>Mrs Broughton</i> <i>Clifton-Brown</i> <i>Hale</i> <i>Pugh</i> <i>Ray</i> <i>Mrs Rushen</i> <i>Stevens</i> <i>Thorndyke</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> |
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| <i>Mrs Hopfensperger</i> <i>Houlder</i> <i>Mrs D Whittaker</i> | <i>Nettleton</i> | <i>VACANCY</i> |

QUORUM: *Four Members*

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Agenda

Procedural Matters

1. Election of Chairman

2. Substitutes

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

3. Apologies for absence

4. Minutes

To confirm the record of the meeting held on 14 March 2012 (attached).

5. Appointment of Vice-Chairman

6. Declarations of interests

Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any pecuniary or local non-pecuniary 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

7. Parish Conference Planning

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

8. Rural Vision 2031 - Update

Consultation on the first draft of the Vision 2031 document for the Rural Areas took place between 1 March 2012 and 30 April 2012. An extensive consultation programme was organised by the Borough Council and there has been a good level of engagement and response.

All comments received during the formal consultation period have been registered by officers and are now available to view in full on the Council's website and at the Council's offices in Haverhill and Bury St Edmunds.

Officers will make a presentation to the Working Party highlighting what are considered to be the key points and issues arising from the consultation.

9. Gypsy and Traveller Sites - Update

Officers are working with the Planning Advisory Service (PAS) and the Local Government Association (LGA) to deliver a free training session as part of their National Training Programme. The training programme explores the challenging issues surrounding Gypsies and Travellers in the UK, and looks at the potential solutions that Councillors, officers and local partners can put into practice in their area.

The programme is designed for all elected Members, including town and parish councillors, struggling with issues in their area plus key local authority housing, planning and equalities officers, together with local partners such as health and police.

The training is a half day session and is likely to take place at the end of November 2012 in West Suffolk House. A range of partners from Suffolk, Norfolk and Cambridgeshire will be invited.

The Working Party is asked to **NOTE** this update.

10. Rural Area Working Party Work Programme

Report **D111** attached.

11. Dates of Future Meetings

The Working Party has agreed the following dates for future meetings:-

Thursday 8 November 2012
Thursday 24 January 2013
Wednesday 13 March 2013

All meetings will commence at 5.00 pm.

Part 2 – Private

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