

**SCRUTINY COMMISSION FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES  
PRIORITIES & WORK PROGRAMME 2010/11**

<b>Meeting Date</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Progress</b>
<b>13 July 2010</b>  (Papers to be despatched on 5 July)	<b>Peterborough Women's Enterprise Centre</b>	Listed on Agenda for 13 July 2010
	<b>Passenger Transport Framework Tender</b>	Listed on Agenda for 13 July 2010
	<b>Floating Support Contract: Cross Keys Homes Extension of Contract</b>	Listed on Agenda for 13 July 2010
	<b>Rural Housing Strategy 2010-2013</b>	Moved to 7 September 2010
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<b>7 September 2010</b>  (Papers to be despatched on 27 August)	<b>Safe and Vibrant Rural Centres and Communities</b>	Listed on Agenda for 7 September 2010
	<b>Rural Economic Development</b>	Listed on Agenda for 7 September 2010
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<b>2 November 2010</b>  (Papers to be despatched on 25 October)	<b>Planning Policy &amp; Strategy</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Supplementary Planning Document – Preparation</li> <li>2. Rural Housing Delivery Partnership</li> <li>3. The use of the Community Land Trust</li> <li>4. Site Allocations Document</li> <li>5. Emerging national initiatives, such as Local Housing Trusts</li> <li>6. Rural Exception Sites</li> <li>7. Rural Housing Strategy 2010-2013 – 6 month progress report (To scrutinise the progress of the Rural Housing Strategy six months after its adoption, prior to the report being submitted to Cabinet for its</li> </ol>	Listed on Agenda for 2 November 2010

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	<p>consideration)</p> <p>Contact Officer: Richard Kay, Planning Policy and Strategy Manager</p>	
	<p><b>Women's Enterprise Centre – Engagement with Women in Rural Communities</b></p> <p>Contact Officer: Anne Senior/Maxine Grimes, Economic Participation Programme</p> <p>To consider the outcomes of the engagement with women in rural communities.</p>	Listed on Agenda for 2 November 2010
	<p><b>Speed Limits in Rural Areas</b></p> <p>Contact Officer: Peter Tebb, Peter Tebb, Team Manager – Network, Environment, Transport &amp; Engineering Services</p> <p>To receive a report on the Government's current position in relation to lowering the speed limit on rural roads to 50 mph and work Council has undertaken in relation to this matter, and a full update on the implementation of 20 mph speed limits around rural schools.</p>	Listed on Agenda for 2 November 2010
	<p><b>Leisure and Tourism in Rural Areas</b></p> <p>Contact Officer(s): Annette Joyce, City Operations Manager (Tourism) Kevin Tighe, Chief Executive, Vivacity (Leisure)</p> <p>To scrutinise work being done to the enhancement and promotion of the rural environment for leisure and tourism activities.</p>	Moved to 8 March 2011
	<p><b>Local Transport Plan (LTP)</b></p> <p>Contact Officer: Mark Speed</p> <p>To scrutinise the Local Transport Plan and to make any necessary recommendations prior to its adoption in April 2011.</p>	This item will be discussed at a joint Scrutiny meeting in February 2011.

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<b>6 January 2011</b> <b>(Joint Meeting of the Scrutiny Committees and Commissions)</b>	<b>Budget 2011/12 and Medium Term Financial Plan</b> To scrutinise the Executive's proposals for the Budget 2011/12 and Medium Term Financial Plan. <b>Contact Officer: John Harrison/Steven Pilsworth</b>	
<b>11 January 2011</b>  <b>Reports due:</b> Thursday 23 December 2010  (Papers to be despatched on 31 December 2010)	<b>Peterborough Moped Initiative</b>  To scrutinise the Peterborough Moped Initiative which aims to support people aged 16-65 with access to public transport in order to gain access to public transport.  <b>Contact Officer: Maxine Grimes, Maxine Grimes, Economic Participation Partnership Officer</b>	Listed on agenda for 11 January 2011.
	<b>Funding &amp; Rural Priorities</b>  <b>Contact Officer: Leonie McCarthy &amp; Julie Rivett, Neighbourhood Management</b>	Listed on agenda for 11 January 2011.
	<b>Play Facilities, Playing Fields and Open Space</b>  <b>Contact Officer: David Denson, Head of Operations</b>	Listed on agenda for 11 January 2011.
	<b>Tree and Woodland Strategy</b>  <b>Contact Officer: David Denson, Head of Operations</b>	Listed on agenda for 11 January 2011.

<p><b>8 March 2011</b></p> <p><b>Reports due:</b> Thursday 24 February 2011</p> <p>(Papers to be despatched on Monday 28 February)</p>	<p><b>Leisure and Tourism in Rural Areas</b></p> <p>Contact Officer(s): Annette Joyce, City Operations Manager (Tourism) Kevin Tighe, Chief Executive, Vivacity (Leisure)</p> <p>To scrutinise work being done to the enhancement and promotion of the rural environment for leisure and tourism activities.</p>	<p>Forward to work programme for 2011-2012 as this is a significant piece of work.</p>
	<p><b>Local Economic Assessment (LEA)</b></p> <p>To scrutinise the draft Local Area Assessment during its consultation phase.</p> <p><b>Contact Officer: Neil Darwin, Director of Economic Development, Opportunity Peterborough</b></p>	<p>Moved from 11 January 2011 at request of Opportunity Peterborough, to allow further work with stakeholders to take place.</p>
	<p><b>British Transport Police</b></p> <p>To invite a Member of the British Transport Police to attend the meeting to discuss work specifically on rail lines and crossings between Spalding to Werrington, Stamford to Werrington and the crossing at Bainton Green.</p>	<p>PC Christopher Thompson-Chambers is unable to attend this meeting however the British Transport Police are keen to work with the Rural Commission to answer any questions they may have in the future.</p>

**Items for 2011/2012 from the 2010/2011 work programme**

<b>June 2011</b>	<b>Planning Policy DPD</b>  To scrutinise the outcomes of the Planning Policy DPD consultation with regard to policies affecting Rural Communities  <b>Contact Officer: Richard Kay, Policy and Strategy Manager</b>	Added to work programme as agreed with Andrew Edwards on 20 December 2010.
<b>TBA</b>	<b>Tourism in Rural Areas</b>  To scrutinise work being done to the enhancement and promotion of the rural environment for tourism activities.  <b>Contact Officer(s): Annette Joyce, City Operations Manager</b>	
<b>TBA</b>	<b>Leisure in Rural Areas</b>  To scrutinise work being done to the enhancement and promotion of the rural environment for leisure activities.  <b>Contact Officer(s): To be confirmed.</b>	
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**New Items for the 2011/2012 work programme:**

- Sustainability of rural communities

**Priorities for 2010-2011 as determined at the Scrutiny Commission for Rural Communities meeting held on 8 June 2010**

<b>PRIORITY</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>SUCCESS CRITERIA</b>
<b>Creating Strong and Supportive Communities</b>	<i>Making villages safe</i>	To continue to reduce car speeds down to 50 mph along rural roads  To develop cycleways and quiet roads  To monitor the implementation of the 20 mph speed limits for rural schools
	<i>Empowering local communities</i>	To continue to support the work of the Neighbourhood Councils
	<i>Building pride in Peterborough</i>	A visible presence in the rural areas
<b>Substantial and Truly Sustainable Growth</b>	<i>Increasing economic prosperity</i>	To plan for rural economic development, eg. farmers' markets, leisure events such as the Bainton Literary Festival which kickstart other development
	<i>Creating better places to live</i>	To encourage 'affordable' housing to meet the needs of villagers  End to speculative tacked-on estates
	<i>Infrastructure of the future</i>	An imaginative vision of what the villages could be like in ten years time
	<i>Safe and vibrant city and other centres</i>	To work closely with the Cambridgeshire Constabulary to encourage patrolling and a visible police presence in rural areas
<b>Creating the UK's Environment Capital</b>	<i>Conserving natural resources</i>	To encourage the enhancing of the rural environment and opening it up for leisure and tourism
	<i>Increasing the use of sustainable transport</i>	To encourage cycling or use of busses, call connect and other sustainable transport provision
	<i>Growing the Environmental Business Sector</i>	To encourage rural business  To support the 'Women's Business Centre' to work in rural areas
<b>Creating Opportunities and Tackling Inequalities</b>	<i>Regenerating neighbourhoods</i>	Investment in rural infrastructure
	<i>Improved health</i>	To recognise what health provision there is in the rural areas
	<i>Improving education and skills</i>	To review education and training for rural business

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