

<b>SCRUTINY COMMISSION FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES</b>	<b>Agenda Item No. 4</b>
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## Report of the Director of Governance

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### REVIEW OF 2013/2014

#### 1. PURPOSE

1.1 To provide the Commission with a review of the work undertaken during 2013/14.

#### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That the Commission considers the 2013/2014 year in review and makes recommendations on the future monitoring of these items where necessary.

#### 3. REVIEW OF 2013/14

3.1 The Scrutiny Commission for Rural Communities was established by Council at its annual meeting on 18 May 2009. During the year 2013/2014, the Commission considered the following issues:

##### Information / Update

- Review of 2012/13 and Future Work Programme

##### Monitoring / Calling to Account

- Update on Superfast Broadband
- Use of the Homecare Monitoring System – Update
- Impact of the Welfare Reform on Rural Areas
- First Response Groups in Rural Areas
- NHS 111
- Support for the Development of Community Centres and Village Halls in Rural Areas
- Parish Plans – Progress
- Educational Attainment in Rural Areas
- Disability Issues in Rural Areas – Update
- Passenger Transport Services in Rural Areas
- Wind and Solar Farms – Financial Update
- British Transport Police
- Crime and Disorder in Rural Areas
- Integration Transformation Fund
- Troubled Families in rural areas
- Better Care Fund
- Public Health

##### Policy / Plans / Consultation

- Budget 2014/15 and Medium Term Financial Plan

The Commission also took part in a Joint Scrutiny in a Day Review which focused on the Impact of Welfare Reform.

3.2 For the information of the Commission, copies of the recommendations made during the year are attached at Appendix 1.

**4. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

4.1 Minutes of the Scrutiny Commission for Rural Communities held on 17 June, 15 July, 16 September, 18 November, 16 December 2013, 13 January, 10 February and 1 April 2014.

**5. Appendices**

5.1 Appendix 1 - Recommendations made during 2013/2014