

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

Meeting Date	Item	Progress
13 July 2010 (Papers to be despatched on 5 July)	Peterborough Women's Enterprise Centre	Listed on Agenda for 13 July 2010
	Passenger Transport Framework Tender	Listed on Agenda for 13 July 2010
	Floating Support Contract: Cross Keys Homes Extension of Contract	Listed on Agenda for 13 July 2010
	Rural Housing Strategy 2010-2013	Moved to 7 September 2010
7 September 2010 (Papers to be despatched on 27 August)	Rural Housing Strategy 2010-2013: Implementation and use of rural exception sites Contact Officer: Matthew Hogan, Housing Strategy & Enabling Officer To receive a report on the implementation of the Rural Housing Strategy, the use of rural exception sites, and the Council's work on promoting 'affordable' housing to meet the needs of villages.	
	Speed Limits in Rural Areas Contact Officer: Peter Tebb, Peter Tebb, Team Manager – Network, Environment, Transport & Engineering Services 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.	
	Leisure and Tourism in Rural Areas To scrutinise work being done to the enhancement and promotion of the rural environment for leisure and tourism activities.	

Meeting Date	Item	Progress
2 November 2010 (Papers to be despatched on 25 October)	Rural Housing Strategy 2010-2013 – 6 month progress report Contact Officer: Matthew Hogan, Housing Strategy & Enabling Officer To scrutinise the progress of the Rural Housing Strategy six months after its adoption, prior to the report being submitted to Cabinet for its consideration.	
11 January 2011 (Papers to be despatched on 31 December 2010)		
8 March 2011 (Papers to be despatched on 28 February)		

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

PRIORITY	ACTION	SUCCESS CRITERIA
Creating Strong and Supportive Communities	<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
Substantial and Truly Sustainable Growth	<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
Creating the UK's Environment Capital	<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
Creating Opportunities and Tackling Inequalities	<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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