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Report of the Solicitor to the Council

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN RURAL AREAS

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To inform the Commission that Mr Edwin Jones, Partnership Director - Regional Rural Affairs for the East of England IDB Ltd (EEIDB) will attend the meeting to discuss economic development in rural areas.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Commission considers the issues raised during discussion and to make recommendations as necessary.

3. KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 The Scrutiny Commission for Rural Communities at its meeting on 13 July requested that an invitation be extended to Business Link to attend a future meeting to discuss economic development in rural areas, including the challenges faced by businesses and what work was being done to support and promote business and industry.
- 3.2 Mr Edwin Jones will attend the meeting to discuss the issues facing businesses in rural areas, from small farm shops and niche farm diversifications, to large agro-industrial enterprises, and where help is available.

4. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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

- 4.1 None.

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