

**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)	Safe and Vibrant Rural Centres and Communities To receive a presentation from the Rural Neighbourhood Police on the challenges faced in creating safe and vibrant rural centres and communities, and policing in rural areas.	In progress
	Rural Economic Development To receive a presentation on economic development activity in the Peterborough rural areas.	In progress
2 November 2010 (Papers to be despatched on 25 October)	Planning Policy & Strategy <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Supplementary Planning Document – Preparation 2. Rural Housing Delivery Partnership 3. The use of the Community Land Trust 4. Site Allocations Document 5. Emerging national initiatives, such as Local Housing Trusts 	In progress.

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	<p>6. Rural Exception Sites</p> <p>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 consideration)</p> <p>Contact Officer: Richard Kay, Planning Policy and Strategy Manager</p>	
	<p>Women’s Enterprise Centre – Engagement with Women in Rural Communities</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>	In progress.
	<p>Speed Limits in Rural Areas</p> <p>Contact Officer: Peter Tebb, Peter Tebb, Team Manager – Network, Environment, Transport & 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>	In progress. Report to come to the Commission following the formal consultation process.
	<p>Leisure and Tourism in Rural Areas</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>	In Progress
	<p>Local Transport Plan (LTP)</p> <p>Contact Officer: Mark Speed</p>	In progress

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	To scrutinise the Local Transport Plan and to make any necessary recommendations prior to its adoption in April 2011.	
11 January 2011 (Papers to be despatched on 31 December 2010)	Local Economic Assessment (LEA) Neil Darwin, Director of Economic Development, Opportunity Peterborough To scrutinise the draft Local Area Assessment during its consultation phase.	
	Public Open Space Strategy Contact Officer: David Denson, Head of Operations	
	Tree and Woodland Strategy Contact Officer: David Denson, Head of Operations	
	Play Strategy Contact Officer: David Denson, Head of Operations	
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