



**Yorkshire and the Humber Rural Affairs Forum,
Wednesday 7th November 2006, Pavilions of Harrogate**

Agenda

9.30am Registration and Refreshments

10:00am Welcome and Introductions: John Napier, RAF Chair

The Rural Agenda for Yorkshire and The Humber:

- **The RAF and Rural Policy.**
David Fraser, Sustainability & Rural Affairs Director, GOYH.
- **Launch of Yorkshire and The Humber Rural Framework**
Hazel Thomas, Regional Director, The Countryside Agency.

Rural Development Programme For England 2007-2013

- **RDPE Delivery by Yorkshire Forward**
Andy Tordoff, Head of Rural Renaissance & Tourism, Yorkshire Forward.
- **Development of the Regional Implementation Plan**
Ian Smith, Senior Advisor, Rural Affairs Team, GOYH.

Questions and Answers for panel.

11.15am Coffee break

11.30am Planning for the Future of Rural Yorkshire and The Humber

- **The Yorkshire and Humber Plan** (The Regional Spatial Strategy)
Rob Murfin, Policy Manger for Planning, Yorkshire & Humber Assembly
- **The Affordable Rural Housing Commission Report**
Peter Bradley, Affordable Rural Housing Commissioner

Questions and Answers for panel.

Notice Board: A chance for members to trail future events and projects

- 1) **'Culture Counts'** John Wright, Yorkshire Culture.
- 2) **'Rural Racism Project'** Ratna Lachman, The Monitoring Group
- 3) **'Natural England Update'** Robert Burnett, Rural Development Service
- 4) **'Commission for Rural Communities'** Chris Kolek

Closing Remarks: John Napier, RAF Chair

1.00pm Lunch

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 7th November