



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

Agenda

9.30am **Registration and Refreshments**

10.00am **1) Introduction – John Napier, Chair**

2) Rural Post Office Closures

- The Policy Facts and Timescale (Mike Feist, GOYH)
- Rural Community View (Stephen Fox, RCC Regional Policy Co-ordinator)
- Business Viability View (Geoff Simpson – sub-postmaster, Helmsley)

Questions / Debate

3) Progress Reports

- Affordable Rural Housing Event Feedback (Dave Melling, Bradford MBC)
- Social Enterprise – Rural Community Retailing (Andy Tordoff, Yorkshire Forward)

Questions

- Rural Development Programme for England 2007-13 (RDPE)
Y&H Regional Implementation Plan (Tim Frenneaux, Yorkshire Forward)

Questions – with panel of regional RDPE leads

Coffee Break

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

- 1) Cllr Geraldine Carter** – Update on the West Yorkshire Rural Partnership
- 2) Anne Moyle** – Women in Rural Enterprise

5) Rural Access to Services Intervention Framework

Colin Walker – Humber Rural Pathfinder Programme Manger

Questions

6) RAF Organisation – Next Steps Proposal

John Napier – RAF Chair

Debate

7) Natural England: Update following vestment.

Peter Nottage, Natural England Regional Director.

1.00pm

Lunch

