

Rural Framework Refresh

The Rural Board requested the RAF and The Rural Practitioners Group (RPG) to refresh (update) the Rural Framework after some three years operation and to take account of the Sub National Review of regional governance.

Government has also put increased emphasis on the need to ensure that rural circumstances are properly reflected and 'mainstreamed, within policy – making and delivery within government departments, local authorities and other public bodies.

A working party of the RAF & RPG met with the aid of consultants at initial stages has produced the document below which we have called '@Maximising the Rural Potential in Yorkshire & the Humber'

The draft document was circulated to all RAF members and was formally agreed at the Forum meeting of 16th June 2009

The prime intention of this refresh has been too fold:

- To highlight the important contribution that rural areas make to the economy and wellbeing of Yorkshire and the Humber region and potential and problems that need to be addressed.
- To support our representations at regional level for a place for a rural voice in the new regional governance structures.
- To put up markers for developing the Integrated Rural Strategy and other plans and strategies.