

Evaluation Feedback – 17th November 2009

There are 60 Rural Forum South East Members of which -
50% of the Membership attended the Rural Forum South East meeting on the 17th November 2009
61% of the Delegates completed and returned their evaluation forms
Below is an analysis of the Feedback received:-

Attendees came from the following groups:

Local Authority	5	Other statutory sector	0
RCC	6	Other Voluntary / Community Sector / Consultant / small business	1
Other :		South East England Development Agency	1
Rural Partnership	1		
LSP's	4		
Government	1		

Feedback on the presentations:

	Excellent	Good	OK	Poor
Andrew Bowles & Hannah Bussey	1	6	2	1
Suki Coe- Audit Commission	8	9	0	0
Simon Kiley - AiRS	5	9	3	0
Michael Varrow- OCC	0	8	7	1
Jacinta Thorley - SERCC	1	10	3	0

Comments:

The presentations were well managed and relevant and the most informative and thought provoking to date which prompted a useful discussion. The Audit Commission presentation was especially enlightening. The Broadband Report lacked focus. Challenges with the IT & size of the meeting room detracted from the overall experience

How did delegates rate the whole event?

Excellent 4 Good 12 OK 2 Poor 0

Comments :

It was a useful meeting which highlighted that the future focus and function of the Rural Forum SE is fragile in light of the economic climate.
The meeting pack with copies of the papers and presentations was useful and the availability of the electronic documentation and presentations on the RFSE website is a bonus www.rfse.org.uk
Good Lunch

'Overall, I learned

A lot 3 A fair bit 16 Not much at all 0 Nothing 0

Feedback on the following

	Excellent	Good	OK	Poor
The delegate pack	6	10	1	0
Opportunity to participate	4	9	3	0
Refreshments and lunch	6	7	4	0
The pre-conference administration	6	10	1	0
Organisation on the day	5	10	0	0
The venue	2	8	6	1
Networking	3	10	2	0

What was the best thing about the event?

Thought provoking presentations, on relevant topics, giving an overview of the benefit of the use of statistics to evidence rural issues
Networking & sharing good practice to address rural issues.
A clearer understanding of the rural emphasis
Good choice of speakers
Clarity of focus on keeping rural engagement
Lunch

What could we improve and why?

.A larger room with more space for the presentations and the use of a microphone
The clarification of the priorities for the Rural Forum
Presentations occupied too high a proportion of the day – need more debate – decision – action. Can future agendas reflect that more explicitly?
Less intensive agenda and better time keeping

What will you take back to your organisation as a result of the day?

Further information to assist in helping design services, in a way that reduces disadvantage for those who live and work in rural communities
Information on activity relating to broadband development
Better understanding of CAA, equality measures within CAA and the message about the effects of mainstreaming.
More thought about how we can access and use data.
Renewed enthusiasm and questions to ponder on to inform rural thinking
Need to contact Joint Strategic Needs Assessment team in Bucks to access the provision of data in rural areas.
Good ideas that highlight the significance local discussions to access and use the OCSI data
The requirement to meet with key LSP representatives
The need to identify key strategy docs which were detailed in the Kent presentation which is available on the website www.rfse.org.uk

What would you like to be included at the 2nd February 2010 Rural Forum SE Meeting?

Rural skills – different approaches
Financing any change of spend from urban to rural which seems to be ignored and how in a period of austerity can this be achieved?
Practical issues for rural proofing
Tactics for political/strategic influencing over period up to election
Update on progress on the South East Plan, Rural Housing or Access to services

Have you visited the updated Rural Forum SE Website? Please can you let us have your feedback?

No 15 Will do 03 Yes 01

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