

South East Rural Forum – 15 September 2010

The most recent meeting of the Forum was held in London on 15 September 2010 which was chaired by Cllr Andrew Bowles, Leader. This was a themed meeting based on delivery of health services to rural areas. Unfortunately Cllr Lesley Ingham, Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Health invited to accompany the Leader, was unable at the last minute to do so.

The subject brought forward a very good attendance from both the regular members of the Rural Forum and from those with a particular interest in the health sector either as practitioners, managers, or Local Authority Members with health responsibilities.

The papers presented led to very good debates with some very strong questioning and contributions from the floor.

The papers for the meeting are being circulated around the Members of the Swale Borough Council Executive and afterwards can be made available to anybody with a specific interest from Janet Dart PA to Leader/Executive, janetdart@swale.gov.uk.

The next meeting of the Forum is due to take place on 23 November 2010 on the theme of aging and services for the aged with also an update on rural broadband.

The South East Rural Forum is made up of representatives of the various Local Strategic Partnerships, Rural Community Councils and some members nominated directly by Local Authorities or countywide rural partnerships.