

INFORMATION ITEM



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DEVELOPMENT SERVICES	DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	16 SEPTEMBER 2015	7

RURAL PROOFING ASSESSMENT

PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

As part of the Government's commitment to ensure that all local and national policies take into account the needs and circumstances of all rural communities, it has produced a set of rural proofing guidelines 'Rural Proofing Assessment' (RPA), which are considered best practice for all government departments, including local planning authorities to carry out when developing and implementing new policies, programmes and initiatives, at both delivery and design stage.

A Rural Proofing Toolkit has also been developed to help policy makers ensure that policies take account of rural circumstances and needs. Rural proofing takes on extra significance in Fylde, as a large proportion of the borough consists of rural areas. The toolkit therefore, has been used to appraise and assess the policies of the emerging Local Plan and the results have been collated within the assessment.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

The planning policy team have updated the Rural Proofing Assessment.

LINK TO INFORMATION

The Rural Proofing Assessment -

<http://fylde.cmis.uk.com/fylde/MeetingsCalendar/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/139/Committee/20/Default.aspx>

WHY IS THIS INFORMATION BEING GIVEN TO THE COMMITTEE?

The RPA forms part of a suite of supporting documents of the emerging Local Plan, which are also referred to as Technical Assessments. There is no mandatory requirement to undertake a RPA under planning legislation, however it is considered best practice to ensure the needs and interest of rural people, communities and business have been properly considered. The RPA will help to inform the emerging Local Plan.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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