

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

CABINET MEETING
21ST FEBRUARY 2008

Recommendations from the Community and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee
7th February 2008

Wyre Forest District Draft Rural Economic Strategy

Members considered a briefing paper from the Economic Development and Tourism Manager detailing proposals to introduce a Rural Economic Strategy.

The Committee noted that, historically, the district had implemented a number of strategies aimed at developing urban areas. However, there had been no strategy in place to address economic issues within the 70% of the district that is made up of rural areas.

Members welcomed the contents of the report and commented that Town and Parish Councils should be involved from the scoping stage to allow them opportunity to influence the strategy. Members felt that it was reasonable to request that Town and Parish Councils consult with their local residents and community groups regarding the strategy.

It was noted that the timetable, detailed in the briefing paper, would need to be amended to take into account the additional time needed to consult with Town and Parish Councils.

RECOMMENDED TO CABINET:

The proposals set out in the Draft Rural Economic Strategy Scoping Paper, as the basis for the development of a draft strategy for public consultation be endorsed. Subject to the timetable, detailed in the briefing paper, being altered to include provision for consultation with Town and Parish Councils at the scoping stage of the process.