



WARDS AFFECTED: RURAL WARDS

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To present the annual rural areas review report 2013/14 to members, detailing service delivery within the Borough's rural areas.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- For members to note and endorse the range and extent of service delivery within rural locations in 2013/14

3. BACKGROUND TO THE REPORT

- 3.1 On an annual basis, the rural affairs lead member, presents a rural areas review report to elected members, setting out a comprehensive record of service provision delivered within the rural areas of the Borough. Service provision is detailed in relation to each of the authority's Corporate Plan priorities.
- 3.2 Whilst **all** service provision is available to **all** Parishes within the Borough, this report presents details of specific delivery in rural parish areas, detailed at **Appendix 1** (and therefore does not include delivery in Town Centre and urban areas).
- 3.3. Please note this report was been presented to Scrutiny Commission on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2014, who noted the extent of provision within the rural areas evidenced by this report, and subsequently endorsed the report. It was also acknowledged that the report provides a comprehensive overview of delivery, from which Scrutiny Commission can subsequently request more detailed reports on specific areas of interest.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS [KB]

- 4.1. None arising directly from this report, however, any subsequent recommendation arising from this report, may require a reconfiguration of existing resource provision, and/or additional resources.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS [MR]

- 5.1. None arising directly from this report

6. CORPORATE PLAN IMPLICATIONS

The contents of the report relate to and support the following strategic aims:

- Cleaner and Greener Neighbourhoods

- Thriving Economy
- Safer and Healthier Borough
- Strong and distinctive communities
- Decent, well managed and affordable housing

7. CONSULTATION

The rural areas review 2013/14 has been informed through consultation with Service Heads and appropriate senior officers and partners, utilising existing evidence to inform activity and gaps.

8. RISK IMPLICATIONS

It is the Council's policy to proactively identify and manage significant risks which may prevent delivery of business objectives.

It is not possible to eliminate or manage all risks all of the time and risks will remain which have not been identified. However, it is the officer's opinion based on the information available, that the significant risks associated with this decision/project have been identified, assessed and that controls are in place to manage them effectively.

The following significant risks associated with this report / decisions were identified from this assessment:

Management of significant (Net Red) Risks		
Risk Description	Mitigating actions	Owner
Lack of a comprehensive evidence base in relation to the range of provision within rural locations	Ongoing collation of evidence to detail the range of provision within rural locations through an annual review report	Edwina Grant

9. KNOWING YOUR COMMUNITY – EQUALITY AND RURAL IMPLICATIONS

The specific purpose of this exercise is to identify the level of provision within rural localities, and to provide an evidence base, if it is subsequently recommended that there is a reallocation of existing resources/allocation of additional resources, to focus on the priority needs within rural Hinckley and Bosworth, bringing greater equity to the allocation of the overall resources across the geographical areas of the Borough.

10. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

By submitting this report, the report author has taken the following into account:

- Community Safety implications
- Environmental implications
- ICT implications
- Asset Management implications
- Human Resources implications
- Planning Implications
- Voluntary Sector

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Background papers:None

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