



# Essex Rural Partnership

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2008

# Minutes of Previous Meeting

June 2008

Marks Tey Hotel

- Approval
- Matters Arising

# Keynote Presentation

Rural Transport and Access to Services

Cllr Hume

Essex County Council

# Keynote Presentation

Rural Transport and Access to Services

Theresa Coyne

Tending Community Transport

# ERP Research

Rural Transport and Access

Rural Services Survey

# ERP Research

## Transport and Access to Essential Services

Ability to access Essential Services by  
public/community transport

*Essential Services would be defined by a basket to include:*

- *General Store,*
- *Post Office,*
- *Hospital,*
- *GP,*
- *Pharmacy.*

# ERP Research

The Rural Services Survey was sent to all parishes in Essex.

180 responses were received, representing a 70% response rate.

# Access

## GP

- Of 180 parishes only 44 have a GP surgery.
- 136 parishes out of 180 do not have a GP Surgery. This is 76%.
- 12 of these 136 have a visiting GP, which reduces those without to 69%.
- Of these 124 parishes, 55 have accessible public transport which will take them to a GP.
- This leaves 69 parishes (38%) with no GP and no public transport to a GP.

# Access

## Community Transport

- 16 have dial-a-ride, still leaving 54 parishes without access
- Of these only one parish has a community car scheme
- *There are also 5 community mini-buses, but these would not be deemed suitable/viable transport for a GP visit, as the visit would be for an individual.*

## 53 parishes without access to a GP.

- Almost 30% of people in rural areas in Essex cannot access a GP surgery without using private transport.

# Access

## Pharmacy

- Of 180 parishes 60 have a pharmacy at a GP surgery in the parish
- 17 have an independent pharmacy in the parish
- 13 benefit from Prescription Delivery Services
- 44 have public transport

# Access

134 parishes of 180 have access to a pharmacy

- 46 communities do not have access to pharmaceutical services without using private or community transport
- Uttlesford, Maldon, Chelmsford, Epping Forest

# Access

## Hospital

Parishes with over 10 miles to A&E and no pub trans

■ 17 in Braintree	17	37	46%
■ 3 in Brentwood	3	7	43%
■ 2 in Epping	2	11	18%
■ 14 in <b>Maldon</b>	14	20	<b>70%</b>
■ 2 in Tendring	2	17	12%
■ 14 in <b>Uttlesford</b>	14	17	<b>83%</b>

# Access

## General Store

- 87 without general store 48%
- 44 have public transport 51% of those without store
- 6 have community transport to enable access to shops – eg weekly shopping bus

# Access

- Leaves 37
- 4 have community mini-bus
- 6 have dial-a-ride

**27 with no shop, public transport or  
community transport**

Chelmsford, Maldon, Uttlesford

# Access

## Post Office

- 89 with no PO 49%
- 34 have public transport  
31% with no PO and no public trans
- Epping, Maldon 45%

# Access

Lack of Services in small communities

Need for accessible/viable public transport

Importance of community transport / third sector  
/ volunteers

Need for retention and expansion

# LAA 2

Local Area Agreement

Suzanne Harris

John Hall

# LAA 2

Rural Proofing

Stage one completed

Stage two in progress

# LAA 2

Access to Services Indicator

LI 5.2

Lead: Nick Shuttleworth

# LAA 2

## Access to Services Indicator

- Action Plan Proposal – submitted
- Indicator and targets based on Rural Services Survey data
- Indicator to be approved on 28 November
- *5.2 responsibility sits within Sustainable Essex Partnership*

# LAA 2

Environmental Indicators

Lead: John Hall

Tea and Coffee

*Followed by*

Workshops / Round Table Discussions

# EERF Report

Suzanne Harris

Mick Page

Richard Woolley

John Buchanan

# ERP Sub-Groups

Steering Group

Community Action Group

Economic Action Group

Environment Action Group

# Post Office Network Change

Rural Post Offices

South Essex Area Plan

Re-opening Programme

ERP Working Group

# Member Update

Natural England

Dr Chris Gibson

# Project Update

Essex Planning and Diversification Project

Keith Blackburn

# Essex Rural Partnership

AOB

*Soapbox Session*

Dates of Future Meetings

Lunch

*Steering Group to meet at 2.00pm*