

Rural Housing Task & Finish Group

Thursday 30 May 2019

Notes and Actions

Keith Harrison (ACRK), Nick Shuttleworth (RCCE) and Brian Horton (SELEP)

Apologies received from Petrina Mayson (Action in Rural Sussex)

BH outlined his general housing experience and interest in rural housing.

KH and NS shared an overview of the work of ACRK and RCCE on housing, they advised that they are aware that this also reflects similar activity in Sussex.

Areas of discussion included:

- Role of rural housing enablers
- Work with Parish Council's
- Promotion of Community Housing Hub's
- Community Land Trust's
- Neighbourhood Planning
- Opportunities to raise profile via BH with network of developer, housing and planning contacts and established partnership forum's
- Aim to raise profile of economic and strategic importance of rural housing as part of the SELEP work to develop a Local Industrial Strategy (LIS)

Consensus that value in working collaboratively through the good offices of SELEP to promote shared ambition to raise priority and demonstrate strategic relevance of increasing the delivery of sustainable, needs led and high quality housing in our rural communities.

Actions:

1. Agenda item at 17 September 2019 meeting of the SELEP Housing and Development Group (HDG) – BH
2. Share work on refresh of the Kent Rural Housing Protocol – KH
3. Consider using refresh of the Kent Rural Housing Protocol to engage and stimulate interest in Kent, also share with Essex and if appropriate East Sussex network – All
4. Short 2/3 paragraph position statement from Kent, Essex and East Sussex on rural housing priority, current work and headline numbers – KH/NS/PM
5. Set up follow up meeting, to include key housing focused staff from ACRK, RCCE and Action in Rural Sussex – BH/KH/NS/PM
6. Report back progress to SELEP Rural Working Group – KH/NS