

## Rural Market Town Group Services

- **A Weekly Rural Bulletin** which includes Rural News, Member Insight, Economic Profiling, Spotlights on Economy & Housing, Hinterland, Analysis & Commentary Pieces, Week in Parliament – Politics Roundup and more.
  - **A Monthly Funding Digest & Government Consultations** – with funding and grant opportunities, along with relevant Government Consultations related to rural areas.
  - **A Rural/Market Town Group (RMTG) Newsletter** – quarterly specific newsletter ('Market Town Round Up') highlighting latest relevant policy developments, showcasing useful member good practice examples, signposting members to relevant initiatives and funding opportunities. (January, April, July, October)
  - **Area Profiles** – an Area Profile of your Principal Council issued once a year setting out key statistics in relation to the rural area. This will help to give the overall picture of their local area to help plan services and understand local issues. (February)
  - **Engagement and Involvement in RSN Campaigns.**
  - **Involvement in the RSN Consultation Programme** – this includes responding to Government Consultations, White Papers, Calls for Evidence and Select Committee Inquiries. In addition, the Group will help to develop the rural voice at a national level to ensure rural are properly represented. This would be in the form of our own surveys, calls for evidence and case studies. Some surveys will be on most important topics that were highlighted by RMTG. (Various times throughout the year)
  - **RMTG Meetings** – There will be a meeting for RMTG representatives twice a year, dedicated for best practice sharing, networking, and group discussions on most relevant rural topics. The Clerks Advisory Panel will also be invited to the Autumn meeting. (April, October)
  - **RMTG Clerks Advisory Panel Meeting** – once a year. Meeting for RMTG clerks dedicated for best practice sharing, networking, and group discussions on most relevant rural topics. (March)
  - **Free Access to a full annual RSN Seminar Programme.** (Various times throughout the year)
  - **Discounted Access to the National Rural Conference.**
  - **RMTG Good Practice** – collecting, signposting, and informing members on good practice, relevant learning material on key policy areas, delivery challenges and opportunities for rural/market towns.
  - **Facilitating Member Networking on a National Economic Level** – through more joint working, networking with the goal of tackling most relevant rural challenges, seeking solutions and improvement. This will include exploring whether the RMTG can contribute to work and research of the National Centre for Rural Enterprise (NICRE), in relation to rural town economic issues.
  - **Young People** - To facilitate work in key areas, members may nominate a representative interested in young people in their rural area, who may be contacted to gather specific consultation throughout the year to support national campaigning.
- + The pattern of local area Market Town meetings is mixed across England. The group could explore this to see if there is any improvement in areas where meetings / joint working is not taking place currently and look at how liaison can take place between this national facing group and existing area arrangements.