

**Maximising Rural Regeneration through RDPE:
Local Action**

Building Community Capacity

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Role of Local Authority - historical perspective

- Rural profile
 - dedicated rural service / rural regeneration
 - Rural Partnership / Rural Strategy
 - community-based activity
- Building mutual trust / joint working / strategic direction

Role of Local Authority - developing the LEADER Programme

- LEADER+ / LEADER 2007-13
- Strategy-led (already part of the culture)
- Top-down / bottom-up - technical skill & expertise working jointly with local knowledge & enthusiasm = maximising potential & mutual benefit
- Facilitated production of Local Development Strategy - drafting / consultation
- 'Guided' development of project ideas
- Capacity-Building / Sustainability - 'Infrastructure Projects'

Role of Local Authority - supporting the LAG

- Recruitment
 - fledglings
 - representative & inclusive
 - facilitated
- Support
 - Accountable Body
 - administrative
 - professional / technical expertise
 - training / capacity-building

Role of Local Authority - connectivity

- Rural Partnership / Rural Strategy / Rural programmes - links to rural policy & programmes from local to national levels
- Local Strategic Partnership / Community Plan / Economic Development Strategy etc. - links with other council activity + influencing
- opens-doors - internally & externally

Role of Local Authority - effective engagement

- East Riding of Yorkshire Council
 - Accountable Body / programme management - raises awareness and opens-doors
 - dedicated 'Rural Champion'
 - Corporate Rural Issues Working Group
- BUT - challenges
 - Rural is 'spatial'
 - Rural is 'not a big-hitter'
 - Relationships between sectors

Role of Local Authority - final thoughts

- LEADER Programmes will be most effective - and more sustainable - with Local Authority involvement
- With mutual respect between the sectors - it can and does work