



Name of External Body	Rural West Sussex Partnership (RWSP)
Member	Norman Dingemans
Date of Meeting	15 January 2013
Issues raised at the meeting of significance to the SDNPA	
1	RWSP Economic Group (Alison Tingley) reported back on the task groups they have established: A. Promote and Invest, B. Funding and Finance, C. Business engagement and skills. Under A they have identified an excellent business data base Van Dyke Bureau. Under B looking for funding/assistance for small businesses Under C Support for young people and business networks in local areas (AIRS to lead)
2	RWSP is underfunded when compared to the Gatwick Diamond and Coastal West Sussex who are supported by the Local Authorities.
3	Broadband. West Sussex County Council is starting a £12.5M tender process to provide super fast broadband to West Sussex but this will only reach 90% of the area. It has been proposed that RWSP approaches the SDNPA to look for up to three, business complexes or villages where 4G masts could be established to provide a reasonable speed access for businesses. RWSP is to write to the SDPNA seeking to work in partnership and this proposed project. (Chichester District has run as similar project in Plastow)
4	The Local Enterprise Panel (LEP) Coast 2 Capital (C2C)/RWSP are looking at funding two Community Land Trusts with Growing Places money one of which will be in the South Downs National Park.
Any issues on which the views of SDNPA Members are sought	
1	SDNPA to look at the Van Dyke Bureau data base to see if it would be sensible to access in partnership with RWSP.
2	SDNPA to consider a small amount of partnership funding with other Local Authorities for RWSP.
3	SDNPA should respond positively to the approach from RWSP to set up (up to three) pilot schemes to bring improved broadband to rural businesses who are providing the group in our area.
4	RWSP/C2C will be briefing the NP in due course.

