

## Overview and Scrutiny – Outside Organisation Update from the Council’s appointed representatives

Councillor Robert Steemson

Organisation: Local Government Association Rural  
Services Network

The Council’s representatives are invited to report on any meetings of the appointed outside organisation, the role the organisation(s) they represent plays in promoting and aligning with the Council's priorities, policies and strategies, their impact and results, and advising on partnership discussions which are open and in the public domain. Feedback is scheduled across a full year cycle once per annum for most organisations and twice where meetings are more frequent (greater than 5).

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| Purpose of the Organisation:  | To lobby for Government funding to be more evenly distributed across Rural areas.  |
| Attendance requirements/ meetings attended:   | I am not aware of any set requirements to attend nationally based meetings however there is a monthly emailed Rural Funding Digest and Government Consultations Bulletin and a weekly Rural Services Network Bulletin (RSNB).  |
| Feedback:   | Linked to the weekly Rural Services Network Bulletin there are often interesting articles, and they organise an annual conference (coming up soon) whereby there are zoom presentations on focussed rural concerns.<br>I did attend some of these in 2024.           |
| Examples of where the brief above has been followed:  | I cannot honestly give any examples of any brief being followed because I am not clear what the actual brief is. That said, the regular bulletins mentioned above are useful and I have forwarded the more topical and interesting information onto all Councillors. |
| Additional information relevant to Overview & Scrutiny including the value that TDC brings to this organisation and/or why this | I am struggling to answer this question as I can not see any great value that TDC brings to the LGARSN, however as mentioned above some of the information in the RSNB is useful.<br><br>Discussion needed?  |

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