

## **APPENDIX A**

### **RURAL STRATEGY STUDY GROUP. PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND SCHEDULE OF OTHER WORK**

#### January 2004

Community Services Select Committee receives report on rural issues.

#### 19 April 2004

Inaugural meeting of the Rural Strategy Study Group, establishing membership, terms of reference and work programme.

#### 24 May 2004

Establishment of themed sub-groups, membership and work programmes; presentations by Directors of Environment, Culture and Community and Resources.

#### 28 June 2004

Presentations by Chief Executive and representatives of Directors of Education and Social Services regarding services in rural areas.

#### 26 July 2004

Presentations on Extended Schools, the condition of Nottinghamshire's rural areas, and rural definitions. Report back from Post Office Closures Working Group.

#### 27 September 2004

Presentation of the implications of the Government's new Rural Strategy; presentations by Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils and by the Greater Nottingham Partnership. Feedback from visit to North Wheatley Post Office and from Working Groups.

#### 18 October 2004

Presentations on Tourism by Experience Nottinghamshire, on the Rural Action Zone experience of Lincolnshire from Lincolnshire Development, by the Countryside Agency and by Notts RCC.

#### 25 January 2005

Presentation by Newark and Sherwood on the District Council's activities in rural areas; review of activities undertaken by the Study Group and the Working Groups.

### **OTHER WORK UNDERTAKEN.**

#### May 2004

Questionnaires drafted and circulated to the Districts and Boroughs in Nottinghamshire seeking feedback on their work in rural areas and parish liaison.  
Visit to Lincolnshire Community Council.

#### 15 Sept 2004

Attendance at the LGA Rural Conference, including the Bassetlaw case study.

23 Sept 2004

Visit by study Group members to North Wheatley Post Office.

15 Nov 2004

Visit by Study Group Chair to Newark and Sherwood Parish Council seminar.