

“Unless the rural voice is strong it wont be heard”

Theme	Issues
Service Areas Affected <i>Slow burn??</i>	Transport – State Aid Agriculture/Farming – CAP etc Economic Development – Structural Funds etc Health
Indirect Consequences	More resources to deploy on rural issues? Growth of the state (but local govt??)
Cultural/Operational Considerations	New front on the fairer funding agenda Significant Whitehall changes – new rules of engagement Challenge and opportunity of developing a “joined up” rural agenda Driver for innovation more broadly in service delivery?? Important to have a clear view on what will be lost Important to have a strategy for managing the impact of short-medium term uncertainty Opportunities for greater joined up synergy – eg transport and health
Where is the route map ?	Really important to reflect a cohesive rural voice
Power Shift	Power moving from Brussels to Westminster, Westminster to localities – Combined Authorities Enhanced role for parishes and town councils – building on rural assets