

## **WMRA/WMLGA Regional Portfolio Holder – Rural Affairs**

### **Key Activities**

- Be an advocate for all rural issues on WMLGA's Executive Committee and with its constituent authorities.
- Member of WMRA Board
- Actively represent WMLGA/WMRA on the Regional Rural Affairs Forum.
- Ensure Rural Affairs are taken into account by other WMRA/WMLGA Portfolio Holders.
- Be an advocate for the Rural Renaissance element of the Regional Spatial Strategy both within the WMRA/WMLGA and externally.
- Develop links with other Portfolio Holders for Rural Affairs within Local Authorities across the Region.
- Develop links with relevant Local Government Association structures and other appropriate regional and national bodies.

### **Key linkages**

- The Regional Rural Affairs Forum.
- All other Assembly and Regional Partnerships and Portfolio Holders.
- Advantage West Midlands Rural Team and Rural Board Member.
- DEFRA/Government Office for the West Midlands and other regional agencies with responsibilities for Rural Affairs e.g. Natural England, the Environment Agency.
- The WMRA Rural Renaissance Working Group.
- The WMLGA Rural Advisors Group.
- Other regional groups / organisations as appropriate.
- The Local Government Association.