



Rural Capitals and City Regions

What is the Future for Market Towns in a City Regional world?

A seminar presented by ECOTEC and Action for Market Towns' research and consulting division, amt-i: To assess the mutual benefits achievable in the regeneration of Market Towns and the development of City Regions.

Friday 30th November – Leeds Town Hall

Supported by the Yorkshire and Humber Market Towns Network

09.30 – 10.00: Coffee and registration

10.00 – 10.20: Welcome and Introduction – Looking Beyond the Core Cities: City Regions - a brief review, making the most of economic potential of counties and market towns.

Chris Wade: Chief Executive, Action for Market Towns

10.20 – 10.50: Yorkshire Forward – Future challenges for market towns in the region: Current delivery and research, including the market towns of the future study and work to further understanding of the contribution rural capitals make to the regional economy.

Rhona Pringle, Renaissance Market Towns Programme Manager, Yorkshire Forward

10.50 – 11.10 Coffee

11.10 – 12.30: Morning Breakout Sessions

Session 1:

What are delegate's experience and opinions of the current policy and funding interventions available for encouraging the regeneration of market towns, in the context of the development of city regions?

Workshop Leader – David Gluck, Senior Consultant, ECOTEC Leeds

Session 2:

An assessment of the contribution that market town regeneration can make to the overall development of city regions and vice versa

Workshop leader – Chris Wade, Chief Executive, Action for Market Towns

12.30 – 1.15: Lunch

1.15 – 1.40: Connecting Town and Country – a review of the inter-relationship between a hierarchy of settlements within regions.

Kevin Thomas, Leeds Metropolitan University

1.40 – 2.40 pm Afternoon Break-out session:

What are the differing future challenges for towns that sit geographically inside and outside City Region 'boundaries'?

2.40 – 3.00: Summing up: Where next? Highlights of recent research into economic links between rural areas and city regions and where we might go from here in determining effective policies and interventions for market towns in a City Regional World.

Clare Johnson, Director, ECOTEC

3.00 – 3.15: Coffee and Close

