

# Growth position paper update

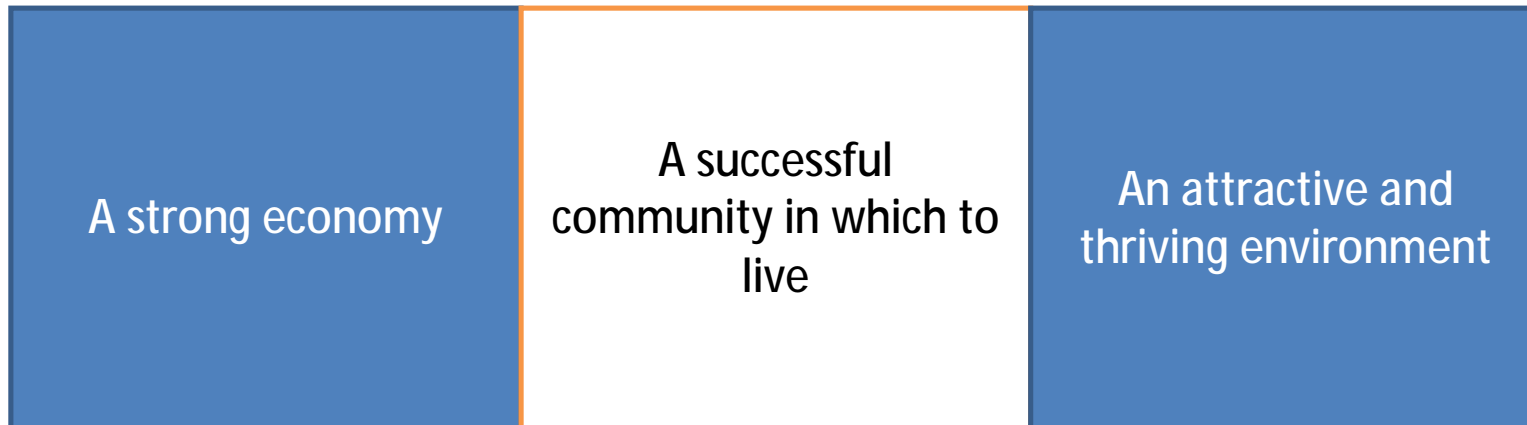
Updated, with:

- Representation of the what makes a successful community table

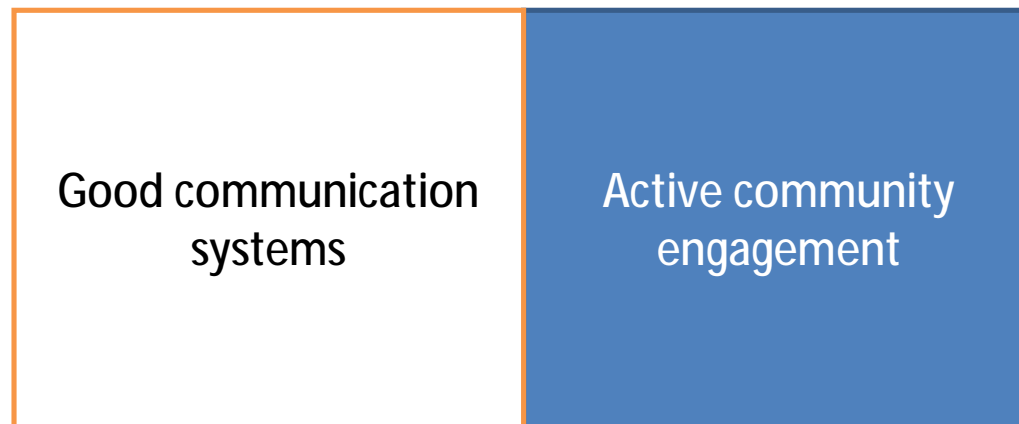
Plus more stress on:

- Environment – both protection and enhancement, but also link to green economy opportunities
- Stressing appropriate development – whilst still recommending new jobs, businesses & access, these are presented as enablers of sustainable communities & must be appropriate to each settlement
- Suggestion to retain some business rates locally to support community & environmental projects where businesses are hosted

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Underpinned by a commitment to:



# Skills research

## Rural Learning Demand and Provision:

| Pilots  | Route to be taken  |
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| <p>Improve skills information and advice services</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1.IAG in the community</li><li>2.Rural employer partnerships</li><li>3.Learning champions</li></ol> | <p>Via LSC/JC+</p> <p>RDPE skills projects</p> <p>RDPE skills projects</p>                   |
| <p>Improve access to provision</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1.Distance learning (blended)</li><li>2.Supported travel</li></ol>   | <p>Via RDPE plus promotion</p> <p>Extend successful models via LSPs plus EESCP</p>           |
| <p>Address recruitment of specialist tutors</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1.Teaching qualifications</li><li>2.Provider clusters</li><li>3.Employer clusters</li></ol>               | <p>Extend urban pilots with LLUK</p> <p>RDPE skills projects</p> <p>RDPE skills projects</p> |

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Train to gain:

- New flexibilities and £350m announcement for SMEs Oct 08

But, rural still has problems, so EERF letter to DEFRA and Skills Ministers on need to:

- The proportion of retraining allowed to be funded – “multiple level 2 and 3”, govt proposes 30%, rural needs 90% plus
- Reduce or remove the need for business co funding of qualifications during the credit crunch
- More flexibility in the PSA (DSO) targets for adult full L2 and 3