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**Rural Enterprise Support Workshop 27 February 2014**

**PROGRAMME**

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|  09.30-10.00 | REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS | Litchfield Lounge |
| 10.00-10.10 | **Welcome and Introductions** *Prof Stephen Roper, Director, Enterprise Research Centre*  | White Hall Suites |
| 10.10-10.30 | **Rural Enterprise Growth:** setting the scene *Roger Turner, Consultant in Rural Economies* |
| 10.30-11.00 | **Growth, Stability or Decline in rural enterprises***Michael Ridge, Director, Frontier Economics* |
| 11.00-11.15 | REFRESHMENTS  | Litchfield Lounge |
| 11.15-11.45 | **Advice and training:** Rural access to National employer skills and Government business support programmes *Jim Hillage, Director of Research, Institute for Employment Studies (IES)* | White Hall Suites |
| 11.45-12.15 | **Business Premises: Honey Pots and Hives**Maximising the potential of rural enterprise hubs *Dr Paul Cowie, Research Associate, Centre for Rural Economy, Newcastle University*  |
| 12.15-12.45 | **Discussion Session** on issues raised by the morning’s presentations |
| 12.45-13.30 | LUNCH / NETWORKING | Litchfield Lounge |
| 13.30-14.00 | **Networks** and support for under-represented groups: Successful support of rural businesswomen *Polly Gibb, Director of WiRE (*Women in Rural Enterprise) | White Hall Suites |
| 14.00-14.30 | **Community –Led Local Development :** LEADER and rural growth *Dr Gary Bosworth, Lincoln Business School, University of Lincoln* |
| 14.30-15.15 | **Discussion Session** on issues raised by the afternoon’s presentations. At the start of this session, there will a short presentation on **Finance for growth**. *Tim Powell, Senior Business Executive, University of Warwick’s Science Park* |
| 15.15-15.30 | **Conclusions and where next***Prof Stephen Roper, Director, ERC* |
| 15.30 | CLOSE |  |