



Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006

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PART 1

NATURAL ENGLAND AND THE COMMISSION FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES

CHAPTER 2

COMMISSION FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES

The Commission and its general purpose

17 Commission for Rural Communities

- (1) There is to be a body known as the Commission for Rural Communities.
- (2) Schedule 2 contains provisions about the constitution of the Commission and related matters.

18 Commission's general purpose

- (1) The Commission's general purpose is to promote—
 - (a) awareness among relevant persons and the public of rural needs, and
 - (b) meeting rural needs in ways that contribute to sustainable development.
- (2) For the purposes of this Chapter “relevant person” means—
 - (a) a public authority, or
 - (b) a body which appears to the Commission to be concerned with any aspect of rural needs.⁷

Status: *This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

- (3) For the purposes of this Chapter “rural needs” means the social and economic needs of persons in rural areas in England.
- (4) In determining the social and economic needs of persons in those areas, particular regard is to be had to the needs of—
 - (a) persons suffering from social disadvantage, and
 - (b) areas suffering from economic under-performance.