



## Cabinet 17 September 2008

### Report of the Policy Development Committee: Delivering a Sustainable Budget 2009/2010

1. On 10 September 2008 the Committee received an update on progress made on the 4-step approach to the development of a sustainable budget for 2009/2010 which had been agreed at its previous meeting.
2. Officers had begun working on possible Dynamic Review – Innovation, Value and Enterprise (DR-IVE) savings for 2009/2010, and any growth bids, and a fuller report would be brought to the Committee at its next meeting on 15 October 2008, with further refinements at its November meeting.
3. At this stage, two approaches were proposed which would affect the DR-IVE savings and were different from previous years, due to the fact that this could be the final year of budget setting. The first proposed change was that, should services believe a saving could be made in 2009/2010, but in the event that St Edmundsbury continued to exist in 2010/2011 the re-entry of these items would be required, then these should be accepted without a growth bid. The second proposed change concerned the annual transfer of funds to reserves, and it was proposed that in areas where we were confident that the existing reserve was adequate for 2009/2010, no further contribution be made, although in the event of the Council continuing beyond 2010/2011, we would continue to contribute to the reserve as necessary. A full review of the existing earmarked reserves was also proposed to ensure their adequacy, and where necessary to transfer between them.
4. The remainder of the report informed Members of progress on establishing savings from the forthcoming occupation of West Suffolk House, and the review of the Capital Programme and Asset Disposal Programme.
5. The Committee noted the progress made to date, and has **RECOMMENDED that the proposed changes to the Dynamic Review – Innovation, Value and Enterprise process set out in Section 1.3 of Report Z208 be approved.**

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