



*St Edmundsbury*  
BOROUGH COUNCIL

# Z292

## **Cabinet** **23 October 2008**

### **Report of the Policy Development Committee: 15 October 2008**

At this meeting the Committee also considered the following issues:

- (a) Review of the Capital Programme;
- (b) Revenues and Benefits Service Write-off Policy; and
- (c) Covert Surveillance Policy,

Separate reports for these items appear on this Cabinet agenda.

#### **(1) Cabinet Forward Plan/Work Programme**

- 1.1 The Committee examined the Cabinet's Forward Plan of Key Decisions for the period October 2008 to January 2009, but did not ask for any further information or involvement on this occasion.
- 1.2 Turning to its own Work Programme, the Committee noted the current position and the topics expected at its next meeting scheduled for 19 November 2008.

#### **(2) Service Plan Briefing: Service and Team Drivers 2009/2010**

- 2.1 As part of its process for development of the 2009/2010 Service Plans, and also to inform discussions on the forward budget due to take place at its November 2008 and January 2009 meetings, the Committee discussed a position statement which was intended to give Members the opportunity to discuss the drivers across the Council for the coming year's Service Plans, including the Cabinet's Commitments, service pressures, new legislation and new opportunities.
- 2.2 The position statement showed the key priorities for 2009/2010 across the Cabinet's Commitments, which involved a high level of cross-departmental working. The statement also included individual sections setting out the statutory, strategic and service pressures expected to be the focus of each service during 2009/2010.

- 2.3 Discussion took place on, amongst other issues,:-
- (a) whether it was possible to explore options other than overnight closure to tackle the anti-social behaviour problems in the Council's car parks at night;
  - (b) the possibility of further increasing the recyclable materials which are collected through the kerbside waste collection service; and
  - (c) the investment programme for the Rural Action Plan.
- 2.4 The Committee noted that the actions listed in the position statement did not reflect the impact of a potential reorganisation of local government in Suffolk, and that if Local Government Review proceeded, with transition to a new council during 2009/2010, the Council would need to review its work programmes accordingly and certain actions may need to be revised or deleted.

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