



*St Edmundsbury*  
BOROUGH COUNCIL

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## **Cabinet**

### **11 February 2009**

#### **Report of the Policy Development Committee: 14 January 2009**

At this meeting the Committee also considered the following issues:-

- (a) Delivering a Sustainable Budget 2009/2010: Update;
- (b) Fees and Charges Policy;
- (c) Revenues and Benefits Service Prosecution Policy; and
- (d) Review of Vision 2025 Action Plan: Housing.

Separate reports for these items appear on this Cabinet agenda, with the update on delivering a sustainable budget forming part of the wider budget report from the Committee to Cabinet.

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

- 1.1 The Committee examined the Cabinet's Forward Plan of Key Decisions for the period January to April 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 on 11 March 2009.

#### **(2) Draft Cemeteries Strategy**

- 2.1 A working group of members of the Committee and officers has been established to develop a Cemeteries Strategy, which will provide a clear direction on the way the service should be delivered, outline how current service issues will be addressed, and provide clarity around the Council's responsibilities as a Burial Authority.
- 2.2 The Working Group has met on a number of occasions, and has made site visits to Bury St Edmunds and Haverhill Cemeteries. It has also undertaken consultation with funeral directors, stone masons and representatives of the clergy.

- 2.3 A draft Cemeteries Strategy developed by the Working Group was considered by the Committee on 14 January 2009, and was approved for wider consultation. The final Strategy will be brought to Cabinet for consideration on 25 March 2009.

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