



*St Edmundsbury*  
BOROUGH COUNCIL

# A55

## Cabinet 24 June 2009

### Report of the Policy Development Committee: Revising the St Edmundsbury Fuel Poverty Strategy (Jul09/05)

1. Under the Warm Homes and Energy Conservation Act 2000, each local authority is required to prepare and publish a strategy setting out the authority's policies for tackling fuel poverty. The Council's first Fuel Poverty Strategy was published in 2002, and it is now necessary to review and revise the Strategy to keep up with changing circumstances.
2. A revision to the 2002 Strategy, now entitled an 'Affordable Warmth' Strategy, was considered by the Committee. The draft Strategy incorporates an action plan reflecting the aims and objectives of the Strategy, and the local context.
3. Members discussed a number of areas of the new Strategy, including consultation, identification of people in fuel poverty, grants towards insulation works and publicity.
4. The Committee **RECOMMENDS** that the draft **Affordable Warmth Strategy, as set out in the Appendix to Report A26, be approved for external consultation, and that following consultation the final version of the Strategy be submitted to the Cabinet for adoption.**

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