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Report of the Policy Development Committee: 4 November 2009

This meeting of the Committee was deferred from its original date of 14 October 2009. At this meeting the Committee also considered reports on:-

- Parish Grants;
- Delivering a Sustainable Budget 2010/2011;
- Review of the Capital Programme; and
- Tree and Woodland Strategy,

and separate reports appear on this Cabinet agenda.

1. Cabinet Forward Plan and Work Programme

- 1.1 The Committee examined the Cabinet's Forward Plan of Key Decisions for the period November 2009 to February 2010, and did not request any further information on this occasion.
- 1.2 Turning to their own work programme, Members received a report showing the current status of the planned work for 2009/2010, including an indication of the items expected at the Committee's next meeting.

2. Service Plan Briefing: Service and Team Drivers 2010/2011

- 2.1 As part of its process for development of the 2010/2011 Service Plans, and also to inform discussions on the forward budget, 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. It was not intended to be a detailed list of objectives for the coming year, but rather to give an indication of the breadth of services provided across the Council, and the context in which those services were being delivered.
- 2.2 This joint position statement showed the key priorities for the coming year 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 2010/2011.

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