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BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Cabinet **23 June 2010**

Report of the Policy Development Committee: 9 June 2010

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

- (a) Equality Action Plan;
- (b) Taking Vision 2025 Forward; and
- (c) Asset Management Plan and Capital Management Strategy – Performance Management and Implementation Plans.

Separate reports for these items appear on this Cabinet agenda.

1. Annual Report of the Cabinet 2009/2010

- 1.1 Following the consideration of the Cabinet Annual Report at the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, as outlined in the report from that Committee which appears earlier on this agenda, the Leader also attended this meeting of the Policy Development Committee, and presented the Cabinet's Annual Report for 2009/2010. The Committee questioned the Leader on the report's contents, resulting in discussions on a range of topics including the provision of and signage to toilet facilities in Bury St Edmunds, the low number of empty shops in both Bury St Edmunds and Haverhill compared to the national figure, the potential impact of the Government's plans to reduce public spending (a subject also covered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee), progress on shared services with Forest Heath District Council, and the current position with regard to the issue of unsafe headstones in Haverhill Cemetery.
- 1.2 The Committee also discussed some of the National Performance Indicators set out in the Corporate Plan element of the report, in particular those regarding obesity in primary school children and the under 18 conception rate. The Committee expressed its broad support for the document and the revised priorities of the Cabinet for 2010/2011.

2. Cabinet Forward Plan: June to September 2010

- 2.1 The Committee examined the Cabinet's Forward Plan of Key Decisions for the period June to September 2010, and discussed some of these with the Leader, including the consultation event which was to take place on the future of the Corn Exchange in Bury St Edmunds, and progress with the potential transfer of community centres.

3. Adoption of 2010/2011 Work Programme and Appointment to Panels, Reviews and Working Groups

- 3.1 Again as set out in the Overview and Scrutiny Committee's report earlier on this agenda, the process for setting scrutiny work programmes for 2010/2011 began in February this year. In common with the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, due to the lower number of suggestions for the work programme which were received compared to previous years, the Policy Development Committee has also been able to include all suggested work in the work programme for 2010/2011. The new work programme was adopted by the Committee.
- 3.2 In addition to adopting the work programme, the Committee considered its requirements for 2010/2011 and re-appointed Councillors Redhead, Mrs Warby and Mrs Whittaker to the Diversity Group for 2010/2011. Additionally, Councillors Mrs Bone, Bradbury, Cox, Mrs Richardson, Mrs Warby and Mrs Whittaker were appointed to work with officers on the programmed review of Parks Byelaws.

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