



St Edmundsbury
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Report of the Policy Development Committee: Taking Vision 2025 Forward (Jul10/11)

1. In December 2005, full Council approved the St Edmundsbury Vision 2025 document and action plans, and between 2007 and 2009 each of the document's six themes were monitored to assess progress against the actions.
2. The Committee received an overall review of Vision 2025, together with recommendations on a way forward that built upon the aims of the original document, but which also reflected recent policy developments.
3. As it was now five years since the original document was drawn up, it was not now solely appropriate to consider progress against the actions, but also to consider whether they were still the right actions. The Committee agreed that most of the aims identified as priorities under the original document, such as affordable housing, unemployment, tourism and resource efficiency, were still priorities now; they also felt that there were no important omissions.
4. When taking the aims of Vision 2025 forward, the Council will also need to take into account other relevant documents into which Vision 2025 had an input, such as the Cabinet Annual Report, Corporate Plan, area strategies and various other policies and strategies, as well as recent policy developments such as place shaping and development of the Local Development Framework (LDF).
5. Development of the LDF will include preparation of town and rural Master Plans, which will be documents covering a twenty year period up to 2031. The Master Plans will, in effect, replace 2025 in setting out the vision of place in St Edmundsbury, enabling the issues and priorities of Vision 2025 to be moved forward to 2031.
6. The Committee **RECOMMENDS that the Master Plans for Bury St Edmunds, Haverhill and the Rural Areas be used as the vehicle for taking forward the St Edmundsbury Vision 2025 document, as detailed in Report B29.**

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