



St Edmundsbury
BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Report of the Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committee: Data Quality Policy (Sep11/07)

1. The Council's first Data Quality Policy was adopted in March 2008, in accordance with Audit Commission best practice. Data quality is crucial, and the availability of complete, accurate and timely data is important in supporting customer care, corporate governance, management and service agreements for service planning and accountability.
2. The Policy has been revised due to legislation being introduced as part of the Localism Bill and in light of the Government's transparency agenda, in partnership with Forest Heath District Council, and was considered by the Committee.
3. An Equality Impact Assessment on the revised Policy found that all communities should benefit from the Policy, as it would ensure that decision-making and service delivery is undertaken based on sound and accurate information.
4. The Committee **RECOMMENDS that the revised Data Quality Policy, attached to Report C77, be adopted.**

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