



St Edmundsbury
BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Consultation and Community Engagement Strategy 2011 to 2016 (Dec11/09)

1. The Consultation and Community Engagement Strategy was last adopted in 2009, and sets out how the Council engages with its communities; ensures that local people can have their say through consultations; makes the right information available to help people influence decisions; and ensures that peoples' views are reflected in its priorities and service delivery.
2. In order to achieve effective consultation and community engagement, it is important to have in place structures which allow the right methods of engagement, with the right groups, in order to achieve the right outcomes. Through the updated Strategy, the Council aims to effectively engage with individuals, groups and organisations.
3. The Committee **recommends that:**
 - (a) **the Consultation and Community Engagement Strategy, attached to Report C170, be adopted; and**
 - (b) **the Policy, Performance and Customer Service Manager, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Performance and Resources, be given delegated authority to make any amendments to the Strategy in the light of changing guidance.**

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