



St Edmundsbury
BOROUGH COUNCIL

C324

Cabinet 1 February 2012

Recommendations from Rural Area Working Party: 23 January 2012 (Feb12/05)

*Cabinet Member: Cllr John Griffiths Chairman of the Working Party:
Cllr Jim Thorndyke*

**1. St Edmundsbury Local Development Framework: Draft Rural Vision 2031
(Report C292)**

RECOMMENDED:- That,

- (1) the draft Rural Vision 2031 document, as contained in Appendix A to Report C292, be approved for public consultation; and***
- (2) delegated authority be given to the Director of Economy and Environment, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transport, to make any necessary minor typographical, grammatical or similar textual changes to the draft prior to publication for consultation purposes.***

The Borough Council has made a commitment to prepare a holistic vision document for the Rural Area to cover the period to 2031. The vision will cover both planning and corporate priorities for the town and will form part of the Local Development Framework. Ultimately it will supersede the Replacement St Edmundsbury Borough Local Plan 2016 that was adopted in 2006.

The observations received during the initial Issues and Options consultation held between March and May 2011 have assisted in the preparation of the first draft Rural Vision 2031 document.

A comprehensive update of the Issues and Options consultation responses, together with officer responses will be published as part of the consultation. In addition, sites which have been submitted to the Borough Council by landowners and developers for inclusion in the Vision 2031 document, including those in the Bury St Edmunds and Haverhill, but have not been included in the draft consultation documents, are set out in one separate report that will be published alongside the consultation document. A full Sustainability Appraisal of the draft has also been undertaken, as required by the regulations for the preparation of planning policy documents, and this will also be published at the time of consultation.

Consultation will commence on 1 March 2012 and last until 30 April 2012.

(The contents of this item will be considered alongside the Cabinet's discussion on Report C323, Recommendations from the Sustainable Development Working Party: 31 January 2012, which also considered the Rural Vision 2031 document.)

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