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# Residents' and Environmental Services Policy Overview Committee

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**Date:** THURSDAY, 7 OCTOBER  
2010

**Time:** COMMITTEE TO CONVENE  
AT 5.45 PM.

WITNESS SESSION TO  
BEGIN AT 6.00 PM.

**Venue:** COMMITTEE ROOM 6 -  
CIVIC CENTRE, HIGH  
STREET, UXBRIDGE UB8  
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**Meeting  
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## **Residents' & Environmental Services Policy Overview Committee**

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To perform the policy overview role outlined below:

1. conduct reviews of policy, services or aspects of service which have either been referred by Cabinet, relate to the Cabinet Forward Plan, or have been chosen by the Committee according to the agreed criteria for selecting such reviews;
2. monitor the performance of the Council services within their remit (including the management of finances and risk);
3. comment on the proposed annual service and budget plans for the Council services within their remit before final approval by Cabinet and Council;
4. consider the Forward Plan and comment as appropriate to the decision-maker on Key Decisions which relate to services within their remit (before they are taken by the Cabinet);

In relation to the following services:

1. culture, arts and sport including the provision and/or management of museums, art galleries, theatres, archives and local history activities, libraries, leisure centres, swimming pools and other like facilities;
2. lifelong learning;
3. community safety;
4. the provision, planning and management of parks and open spaces, allotments, cemeteries, pitches and other like facilities;
5. transport, highways and parking;
6. waste management and recycling;
7. conservation and biodiversity;
8. safety education;
9. licensing and registration;
10. trading standards;
11. consumer protection;
12. environmental health functions
13. planning and building control
14. the Council's planning policies (including the Unitary Development Plan and other plans for the use and development of land), Local Agenda 21 Strategy and Local Transport (Implementation Plan).

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# Agenda

- 1 Apologies for Absence
- 2 Declaration of Interest in matters coming before this meeting
- 3 To confirm that all items marked Part 1 will be considered in Public and that any items marked Part 2 will be considered in Private
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## Minutes

### RESIDENTS' AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES POLICY OVERVIEW COMMITTEE

22 September 2010

Meeting held at Committee Room 5 - Civic Centre,  
High Street, Uxbridge UB8 1UW



	<p><b>Committee Members Present:</b> Councillors Mike Markham (Chairman), Shirley Harper-O'Neill (Vice-Chairman), Lynne Allen (Labour Lead), Judy Kelly, June Nelson and Susan O'Brien.</p> <p><b>Witnesses Present:</b> Joanne Kingham – UKBA Shabeg Nagra – Heathrow Port Health Manager Viv Pullha - UKBA</p> <p><b>LBH Officers Present:</b> Natasha Dogra – Democratic Services</p> <p><b>Also Present:</b> Jack Griffin, Uxbridge Gazette</p>	
1.	<p><b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> (<i>Agenda Item 1</i>)</p> <p>Apologies had been received from Cllr Duncan and Cllr Allen substituted.</p>	Action by
2.	<p><b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN MATTERS COMING BEFORE THIS MEETING</b> (<i>Agenda Item 2</i>)</p> <p>None.</p>	Action by
3.	<p><b>TO CONFIRM THAT ALL ITEMS MARKED PART 1 WILL BE CONSIDERED IN PUBLIC AND THAT ANY ITEMS MARKED PART 2 WILL BE CONSIDERED IN PRIVATE</b> (<i>Agenda Item 3</i>)</p> <p>It was confirmed that all items on the agenda would be considered in public.</p>	Action by
4.	<p><b>TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27 JULY 2010</b> (<i>Agenda Item 4</i>)</p> <p>The minutes of 27 July 2010 were agreed as an accurate record.</p>	Action by
5.	<p><b>REVIEW 1: WHAT PROBLEMS ARE POSED TO HILLINGDON, AND BEYOND, BY THE LEGAL HIGH KAT AND WHAT CAN WE DO TO TACKLE THEM?</b> (<i>Agenda Item 5</i>)</p> <p>The Chairman invited Officers to update Members on progress made since the last meeting. Officers informed the Committee that letters had</p>	Action by

been sent to Local Authorities across the country asking for their views on Khat; whether Khat was a problem in their boroughs. The London Boroughs of Islington, Richmond, Hounslow and Brent had replied saying Khat was not a major issue in their areas. Wider ranging areas such as Cardiff, Kent, Sheffield and Bolton had replied saying Khat was a problem in their areas. This had led to the formation of Khat Task Groups, Khat awareness training and Khat Working Groups for Somalis.

Having contacted the Food Standards Agency (FSA) Officers had been informed that Khat was not classified as a food as it was not swallowed and has no nutritional value. It had been likened to chewing tobacco. However, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) informed Officers that Khat was not classified as a plant. Therefore, without being classified Khat had no legislation enforced on it.

Officers informed Members that Khat was grown in Yemen, Kenya, Ethiopia, Somalia, Uganda and maybe Israel. Khat was harvested for 5 to 7 years in forests and then imported to countries such as Spain, Holland and the UK. 8 tonnes of Khat were imported to Heathrow Airport 5 times a week, from Kenya and Somalia predominately.

Khat arrived at Heathrow Airport in large boxes with the initials of those who had ordered it. It is unloaded from the plane and transported into the Transit Shed where it is kept as an unopened box until someone collected it. An "Arranger" collected the consignment after paying VAT on each box. On average each box had a street value of £35 (17.5% of which amounted to £6.13 which is the VAT paid on each box). VAT collected from Khat amounted to £2 million per annum. Arrangers paid in cash and had temporary VAT numbers which were easy to organise and difficult to trace. This was paid to the Agent at Heathrow who was responsible for freight that day. Agents changed on a daily basis. After the VAT was paid the consignment was released to the Arranger. The Arranger would then take the boxes and distribute the Khat amongst those who had ordered it. This transaction would take place in areas around Heathrow such as old warehouses. The Khat would then be further distributed and sold to Khat users in cafes, Khat houses and Convenience Stores.

Witnesses informed the Committee that Khat was imported as a plant. Therefore no food legislations were attached to it. In 2009 6 Khat consignments were checked by the UK Border Agency for pesticides, bacteriological evidence and salmonella. 3 consignments were infected. Nevertheless all consignments had to be released to the Arranger, as Khat was not classified as an illegal substance and therefore no legislation could be enforced. Consignments were not opened, and only scanned for radioactive material.

Witnesses said if Khat was to be reclassified as food there could be tighter controls over the importation as it would have to meet FSA standards. However, it was made clear that this decision would have to come from central Government and be uniformly accepted by all agencies (such as FSA, DEFRA and UKBA).

Members queried whether other airports in the UK were receiving Khat consignments. Officers were instructed to investigate this.

The Committee made Officers aware of the various different forms Khat was now available in. Khat tea, Khat tablets, Khat alcohol and Khat sweets were now available to buy online. Officers were instructed to investigate this further. Officers informed the Committee that breaking Khat down to consume it in an alcoholic or pill form was a serious offence, according to Misuse of Drugs Acts. The Act stated that using Khat to make alcohol or tablets was illegal, and the substance formed would be classed as a Class C drug, based on the levels of the two drugs in Khat used to make the substance. Officers were instructed to follow this up with external agencies.

Officers informed the Committee that Khat could not be grown in the UK due to the weather and soil here. Khat could be frozen and consumed at a later date though.

Officers informed Members that UK agencies were working in coalition with US agencies to crack down on the levels of Khat being smuggled into America. A box of Khat which may have had a UK street value of £100 was worth \$26,000 on the streets of the US. Consignments were taken on board flights from the UK as hand luggage and checked in luggage. Khat was easy to disguise and as it was not an illegal substance it could be taken on board. However, Khat could not be taken on board flights to the United States and airlines could be heavily fined if Khat was found aboard a flight bound for the US. Nevertheless, security checks at Heathrow Airport were predominantly focused on checking for security risks.

Officers informed the Committee that since the publishing of the Advisory Council's Misuse of Drugs report in 2005 the number of Khat users had increased significantly. On 15 September 2010 the Home Office launched "The Crazy Scientist" campaign to raise student awareness of legal highs and their side affects. The posters and postcards were to be distributed during University Freshers' Weeks across the UK.

The Committee raised the issue of whether spitting was illegal, as Khat users would chew the leaves and spit out a purple colour spit onto the pavements while chewing Khat.

The Committee asked Officers from UKBA to kindly prepare a briefing paper on VAT from Khat for Members. The Committee also requested information on Khat imported to other UK airports.

The Committee thanked Officers for attending the meeting.

**Resolved:**

**The Committee noted the information from witnesses and officers.**

6.

**REVIEW 2: A REVIEW OF HILLINGDON'S TOWN TWINNING RELATIONSHIPS** (*Agenda Item 6*)

**Action by**

	<p>Members considered the scoping report for the second review to be undertaken by the Committee. The Committee agreed that Town Twinning should be investigated to see whether the current arrangements could be improved to ensure Hillingdon were benefiting from the service.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b>  <b>The Committee agreed the scoping report. Officers were instructed to begin the review via email.</b></p>	
7.	<p><b>FORWARD PLAN</b> (<i>Agenda Item 7</i>)</p> <p>The Committee noted the Forward Plan.</p>	<b>Action by</b>
8.	<p><b>WORK PROGRAMME 2010</b> (<i>Agenda Item 8</i>)</p> <p>At the request of the Chairman the following Committee meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2010 would begin at 5.45 p.m. with the witness session beginning at 6.00 p.m.</p> <p>The Committee noted the Work Programme.</p>	<b>Action by</b>
<p>The meeting, which commenced at 5.30 pm, closed at 7.15 pm.</p>		

These are the minutes of the above meeting. For more information on any of the resolutions please contact Natasha Dogra on 01895 277 488. Circulation of these minutes is to Councillors, Officers, the Press and Members of the Public.



## **What problems are posed to Hillingdon, and beyond, by the legal high Khat and what can we do to tackle them?**

### **Witness Session 2: Social Effects**

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#### **REASON FOR ITEM**

To enable the Committee to gather the evidence for their in-depth review of the legal high Khat

#### **OPTIONS OPEN TO THE COMMITTEE**

1. Question witnesses on the importation and distribution of Khat, making use of the suggested questions and asking additional questions as required.
2. Identify issues for further investigation at later witness sessions.
3. Highlight potential issues for the Committee's recommendations in the final report.

#### **Background**

This is the first meeting that Residents' and Environmental Services POC has considered the topic of Khat. At its meeting of 8 June 2010 the Committee considered a scoping report for the review of Khat. Members agreed that the aim of the review would be:

*"A review into the problems caused by Khat leading to recommendations to help Hillingdon deal with the problems associated with the legal high."*

#### **Terms of Reference**

1. Members also agreed that the terms of reference for the review should be:
2. To learn about the production of Khat: where it is grown, who grows it and how much it costs to produce it;
3. To examine the importation of Khat: how the UK Border Agency deal with Khat dealers at Heathrow Airport;
4. To analyse the distribution patterns in the borough: where is it sold and the cost;
5. To examine the usage of Khat: the profile of the average user, social effects, health side effects;
6. To investigate the link, if any, between Khat use and anti-social behaviour;
7. To analyse whether the use of Khat is spreading in the UK and what can be done to discourage this in the future: would it be possible to grow Khat in the

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UK and could this lead to expansion of use not only within communities renowned for consuming Khat now but more wide-spread usage;

8. To investigate how the London Borough of Hillingdon could work with external agencies to tackle the problem of Khat in the future;
9. To identify ways in which the London Borough of Hillingdon can raise awareness of the problem.
10. To report to Cabinet recommendations based upon comprehensive evidence.

#### **Witnesses**

<b>Date of RESPOC meeting</b>	<b>Witnesses Invited</b>
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> September 2010</b>	<u>Importation &amp; Distribution</u>  <b>Viv Pullha</b> , UKBA <b>Joanne Kingham</b> , UKBA <b>Shabeg Nagra</b> , Health Control Officer, Heathrow
<b>7<sup>th</sup> October 2008</b>	<u>Social</u>  <b>LBH Councillors</b> <b>Mahamoud Ahmed</b> – EACH <b>Trevor Biggs</b> – Chair, Hillingdon LINK <b>Graham Hawkes</b> – Interim Manager, Hillingdon LINK <b>Fatima Abdi</b> – Sahan Centre <b>Anab Abdala</b> – Sahan Centre <b>Mr Amri</b> – Hayes Islamic Centre
<b>16<sup>th</sup> November 2008</b>	<u>Health</u>
<b>14 December 2010</b>	<u>Crime &amp; Anti-Social Behavior</u>
<b>14 January 2011</b>	<u>National</u>

## **Suggested Questions / Lines of Enquiry for Witness Session 2**

1. Who uses Khat?
2. How, when and where is it used?
3. What proportion of users are recent immigrants and from which countries and what percentage of users are British born?
4. What is the average age / sex profile of a user?
5. What effects is Khat usage having on families?
6. What effect is Khat having on the community at large?
7. Is it being used by under 18's?
8. What percentage of young users are boys or girls?
9. Is usage confined to particular ethnic groups?
10. What, if any, measures would you like to see introduced?
11. Do community leaders have a stance on the use of Khat, religious/social/culturally?
12. What is the view from the community leaders of effect from users on their neighbours' quality of life?

### **SUGGESTED COMMITTEE ACTIVITY**

Members question the witnesses and use this information to formulate recommendations for their final report.

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**RESIDENTS' AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES  
POLICY OVERVIEW COMMITTEE**

**2010/11**

**REVIEW SCOPING REPORT**

**What problems are posed to Hillingdon, and beyond, by the  
legal high Khat and what can we do to tackle them?**

**Aim of review**

A review into the problems caused by Khat leading to recommendations to help Hillingdon deal with the problems associated with the legal high.

**Terms of Reference**

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## **Reasons for the review**

Members believe it would be timely to discuss Khat, with the recent closure of “Khat Houses” in areas in the South of the borough. Khat is becoming a major problem within some communities and Members were aware of some women’s associations located within the borough who were facing difficulties at home due to problems related to Khat usage.

Khat had been associated solely with the Somalian community; however the recent spread of use to various communities has made the issue of Khat very prominent. With the age range of users lowering in recent years the Committee believe this review must take place imminently. This will enable the London Borough of Hillingdon to thoroughly analyse the current situation and what can be done to tackle the problem while working together with external agencies and residents of Hillingdon.

The issues surrounding Khat have recently been highlighted in the media, with reports on the spreading of use to younger people and different ethnicities. The Committee will uncover the problems Khat poses to Hillingdon and how the problems can be dealt with before they spread further. For this reason, the Committee believe this review to well-timed and of great significance to the residents of the London Borough of Hillingdon.

There is a lack of knowledge about the services already available to Khat users, with Hillingdon PCT funding an outreach service for Khat users which has not been well publicised. The Committee believe these services should be brought to the attention of residents who are in need of support.

Khat is imported from eastern Africa and its use is associated almost exclusively with people of Somali or Ethiopian ethnicity. However, the use of it is spreading to wider communities and younger people.

### **Who is this review covering?**

1. People affected by the usage of Khat in Hillingdon, which is mainly in the Hayes area
2. Council services including Youth and Connexions Team, Community Safety Team and Environmental Protection
3. External partners e.g. Metropolitan Police, Voluntary Sector groups working with Somali people in Hayes, NHS Hillingdon Drug and Alcohol Action Team
4. Relevant decision makers
5. Scientific and medical experts

## **Key issues**

### **Methodology**

The Policy and Overview Committee is to receive reports, presentations and hear from witnesses, including a site visit.

## **Relevant Documents**

2005 Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs “Khat: Assessment of Risk to the Individual and Communities in the UK”

## **Potential Witnesses**

Witnesses will either be invited to meetings or will be sent questions by the Committee:

**Meeting theme – Importation and Distribution** - where it's grown, how it's imported and distributed around the UK, legal definition, checking processes at Heathrow and other ports, VAT position, role of UKBA / HMRC

### **Witnesses**

Viv Pullha	UKBA
Joanne Kingham	UKBA
Shabeg Nagra	Imported Food, Heathrow Airport
Kathy Sparks	Planning, Environment, Community LBH

**Meeting theme - Social** - the effects of Khat on users, their families and the community at large, including young people, the role of statutory and voluntary groups

### **Witnesses**

Cllr Lynne Allen	
Cllr Richard Barnes	
David Brough	Hayes Town Partnership
Mahamoud Ahmed	EACH, Brent
Lee McLellan	Community Safety Officer LBH
Anab Abdala	Sahan Centre
Tom Murphy	Youth Service LBH
Imam	Hayes Mosque

### **Written responses**

Roda Agab	EACH, Brent
Lakhir Randhawa	EACH, Harrow
Hassan Isse	Khat group, Hounslow
Kola Makoyawo	Hillingdon Action Group for Addiction Management
Rashid Jama	Horn of Africa Youth Association
Ijaz Khan	Hayes Islamic Centre
Mustafa Aden	Tageero

**Meeting theme - Health** - the physical and mental health effects of Khat on users, the facilities and programmes available to help long term users, educational campaigns undertaken, the current role of the PCT and future responsibilities

### **Witnesses**

Dr Ellis Friedman	Director for Public Health, Hillingdon
Jill Patel	Hillingdon MIND
Jill Downey	PCT, Drug and Alcohol Strategic Manager
Annette Patterson	Senior Health Visitor, Hillingdon PCT

### **Written responses**

Saeed Abdi	Somali Mental Health Project
Ali Saka	Hillingdon Action Group
Carmel Clancy	Middlesex University

**Meeting theme - Crime/Anti-Social Behaviour** - effects of Khat usage on crime and anti-social behaviour and action undertaken by police

**Witnesses**

Inspector Mike Smith	Metropolitan Police Service
Sergeant Andy Shuker	Townfield SNT

**Meeting theme - National** - current Government policies and views as to the impact of Khat nationally

**Witnesses**

James Brokenshire	Minister for Drugs / Senior Civil Servant
Shilpa Patel	Middlesex University / author of NACRO report
Inspector Kieran Wood	Drugs Unit, Scotland Yard

**Written responses**

Axel Klien	Drugscope
Richard Kramer	Turning Point

**Stakeholders and consultation plan**

Partner agencies will be invited to make submissions to the Review. Representatives of stakeholders will be invited as witnesses. The review will be publicised in Hillingdon People, Hillingdon Council website and in Hillingdon newspapers. The media will be invited to meetings, and the review will be publicised in the Gazette newspaper. Interest in the review has the potential to be picked up by regional and national media, with Sky News recently running a story on Khat and the issues it poses to society.

**Outcome**

Recommendations to Cabinet and the Council's partners.

**Proposed timeframe & milestones:**

Meeting Date	Work Programme
27 July 2010	Committee to agree review scoping report
22 September 2010	Witness Session 1: Importation and Distribution
7 October 2010	Witness Session 2: Social Issues
16 November 2010	Witness Session 3: Health Issues
November 2010	Site visit: to Somalian Women's Association meeting.
14 December 2010	Witnesses Session 4: Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour
18 January 2010	Witness Session 5: National Issues
15 February 2010	Conclusions and recommendations
	Special session for Civil Servant / Minister for drugs, should they agree to attend.
9 March 2010	Committee to discuss final report
12 April 2010	Committee to agree final report
27 May 2010	Report presented to Cabinet

**Background Information**

**1. Introduction**



1.1 Khat is a herbal product consisting of the leaves and shoots of the shrub *Catha edulis*. It is cultivated in the Horn of Africa and the Arabian Peninsula and chewed to obtain a stimulant effect.

1.2 Khat is not currently controlled under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971. Two of the chemical constituents isolated when the plant is chewed, cathinone and cathine, are classified as Class C drugs under the Act.

## **2. History**

2.1 In February 2005 the then Minister responsible for Drugs asked the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs (ACMD) to advise the government as to the current situation in the UK and the risks associated with Khat use. The ACMD is established under the 1971 Misuse of Drugs Act to keep under review the drug situation in the United Kingdom and to advise government ministers on measures to be taken for preventing the misuse of drugs or for dealing with the social problems connected with their misuse.

2.2 The classification of drugs, in Schedule 2 of the 1971 Misuse of Drugs Act, is based on the harm they cause:-

Class A: (most harmful) includes cocaine and heroin.

Class B: (intermediate category) includes cannabis, amphetamines and barbiturates.

Class C: (least harmful) includes anabolic steroids and benzodiazepines.

2.3 When advising about harm the ACMD takes account of the physical harm they may cause, their pleasurable effects, any associated withdrawal reactions after chronic use, and the harm that misuse may bring to families and society at large.

## **3. Epidemiology**

3.1 Information about the use of Khat in the UK comes from reports into the communities from countries that traditionally use Khat. Reports are subject to sampling bias due to the way interviewees are recruited. The largest epidemiological survey of drug misuse in England and Wales, the British Crime Survey, does not include Khat as one of its reference drugs.

3.2 Most of the prevalence data comes from the Somali community. Figures range from 34% to 67% of the Somali community who identify themselves as current users of Khat. The figure of 34% is from the highest power study and likely to be the most accurate figure. The wide range is due to the sampling techniques employed, males tend to report more use than females, so if the group sampled is biased toward men, the prevalence increases.

3.3 There are no published reports in the other individual ethnic communities. When ethnic communities are grouped together people reporting current Khat use ranges between 37% and 60%.

3.4 Levels of Khat use in traditional Khat chewing countries are comparable if not slightly higher, than rates in the UK. In Somalia a large survey found 31%

of respondents admitting current use. In Ethiopia this was 50%, and in Yemen 82% of men and 43% of women admitted they currently used Khat.

3.5 There are no reports of Khat use in the UK outside of the communities that traditionally use Khat.

#### **4. Import, export, distribution and use of Khat in the UK**

4.1 Approximately 6 tons of Khat arrives in the UK per week, mostly by air from Kenya. The bulk of this is in transit for supply to the United States of America. The UK is a base for Khat distribution to many countries, including the US, where the plant is illegal.

4.2 There is an efficient distribution network to the Khat using communities across the UK. Most users buy Khat at the *mafresh*, a meeting place where Khat is bought and chewed. *Mafreshi* proprietors often sell soft drinks and cigarettes alongside Khat. The trade in Khat is a legitimate business and is quite distinct from the trade in illegal drugs.

4.3 *Mafreshi* are subject to health and safety requirements as they are public places where a product is sold and consumed, however many are unknown to the local authorities. They are of varying standards of cleanliness and safety. Alternatively Khat is bought at local shops, in markets or via 'mobile traders' (people selling Khat from the back of a car or van on the street).

4.4 Men are more likely to use at the *mafresh* and women are more likely to use at home, often alone. There is under-reporting of women's use of Khat probably as a result of the extra stigma they face.

4.5 Khat is used in bundles of approximately 250g of fresh stems and leaves; each bundle costs £3-5 (approximately £15/kg). In the United States of America, where Khat is illegal, the street price is approximately \$400/kg.

4.6 Most people who use Khat, chew it once or twice a week. The average chewing session lasts 6 hours and usually 1 or 2 bundles of Khat are consumed. A significant minority chew daily and use greater amounts per day.

#### **5. The pharmacology of Khat**

5.1 Cathinone and cathine are alkaloid stimulants present in Khat and are responsible for its subjective effects. Chewing is an efficient way of extracting these chemicals from the plant matter. Khat degrades with time so it must be consumed within 36 hours of harvesting.

5.2 Effects from chewing Khat can be felt within 30minutes, but maximal plasma concentrations occur after about 2 hours. The time taken for the drugs to be eliminated from the blood is approximately 8-20 hours for cathinone and 25 hours for cathine.

5.3 There is evidence that Khat, like other drugs of misuse, can cause the release of the neurochemical dopamine in the brain. Dopamine is thought to

be responsible for the re-enforcing properties of drugs of abuse. Khat may also act on central serotonergic and peripheral adrenergic neurotransmitter systems.

## **6. Risks to physical health**

6.1 There is evidence that chewing Khat is a risk factor for the development of oral cancers. In pre-clinical and clinical studies, chewing Khat leads to macroscopic and microscopic pre-cancerous changes in the buccal mucosa.

6.2 Khat has significant sympathomimetic properties. Chewing Khat leads to an increase in blood pressure and may precipitate myocardial infarction. It is difficult to tease out the specific risk factor of Khat for heart disease as most users also smoke tobacco during a Khat session.

6.3 There is some evidence that Khat affects the reproductive health of both sexes. In women it may be associated with delivery of low birth weight babies (as with smoking cigarettes), although the evidence for this is not strong. Cathine is excreted in breast milk although the impact of this is unknown.

6.4 In men there is some evidence that using Khat is associated with lower sperm motility and sperm count. Some studies report an increase in libido when using Khat and others have found decreased libido with chronic use of Khat.

6.5 Residual pesticide, dimethoate, has been found on Khat leaves produced in Yemen. There is no published data on Khat produced in other countries. Chronic dimethoate poisoning can lead to weakness, fatigue, slurred speech and lack of co-ordination.

6.6 Khat administered chronically to animals causes an increase in liver transaminases and signs of chronic hepatic inflammation. There are no studies investigating the effects of Khat on the hepatic system in humans.

## **7. Risk of addiction and to psychiatric health**

7.1 There is evidence that Khat may cause the release of dopamine in the brain. Release of this neurotransmitter is thought to be important in the development of dependency on drugs of abuse.

7.2 Dependency on a drug is defined as a syndrome of symptoms related to the desire to use a drug, the control over drug use, tolerance of drug effects, withdrawal symptoms, and harms from drug use and neglect of other activities of life.

7.3 There is evidence that some individuals use Khat in a dependent way. However, for the majority of users this does not appear to be the case. Animals can be made dependent on Khat and they will self-administer the drug in a dependent way.

7.4 There are case reports of people developing psychosis after use of Khat. Unfortunately, as yet, there are few controlled studies investigating the possibility of a causal link between Khat use and psychosis. Evidence points to social stress such as the effects of war on the Somali population mixed with misuse of Khat can increase the likelihood of the development of psychotic symptoms.

7.5 As yet there is insufficient evidence to make a definitive statement about the risks of developing psychosis after using Khat. However, in countries where Khat use is widespread there is no corresponding elevation in prevalence of psychotic disorders. This suggests that Khat is not a causal factor for the development of psychosis.

7.6 In common with other stimulants, users of Khat often report feeling low in mood after a Khat using session. However, there is no evidence that Khat use is a risk factor for developing depression.

## **8. Risk to society**

8.1 The partners of Khat users often complain that their partners' Khat use is responsible for lack of input into family life, for family arguments, and leads to excessive expenditure of the family budget. It is cited as a reason for family breakdown by spouses, and there is a fear that men using excessively (as heads of the family unit) lead to isolation for their spouses and children. It is impossible to say if Khat use is the cause of or the scapegoat for family disharmony.

8.2 Khat users appear to have very low levels of other drug or alcohol use. There is no evidence that Khat use is a gateway to the use of other stimulant drugs, although there is however, high associated tobacco use.

8.3 Khat does not lead to acquisitive crime in the way that is evident with crack or heroin use. This may be due to its low cost and its lower re-enforcing properties.

8.4 There is evidence that administering Khat to rats causes an increase in aggressive behaviour. There is only anecdotal evidence of the same response in humans.

8.5 There are several case reports of individuals using Khat and driving. Khat is likely to reduce attention span whilst driving; however co-ordination appears to be minimally affected.

8.6 The Khat industry is a legitimate business. There is no indication of organised criminals or terrorists being involved in the UK trade, perhaps because of its legality. However, since the USA made Khat illegal there is some evidence of organised criminals becoming involved in its shipment to the USA.

## **9. In Summary**

9.1 Existing evidence suggests that Khat use is widespread in the UK among immigrant communities from the Horn of Africa and the Arabian Peninsula. There is no evidence of its use by the wider community.

9.2 Khat is a much less potent stimulant than other commonly used drugs such as amphetamine or cocaine. However some individuals use it in a dependent manner.

9.3 Khat use is a risk factor for oral cancers and possibly for myocardial infarction. Residual pesticides on the leaves of Khat represent a health risk.

9.4 There is some evidence of an association with chronic Khat use and development of psychological symptoms. However, as yet there is no proven causal association.

Source: Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs (ACMD)  
**Khat (Qat): Assessment of Risk to the Individual and Communities in the UK**

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## **FORWARD PLAN: 2010 – 2011**

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### **REASON FOR ITEM**

The Committee is required by its terms of reference to consider the Forward Plan and comment as appropriate to the decision-maker on key decisions which relate to services within its remit (before they are taken by Cabinet or Cabinet Member).

### **OPTIONS OPEN TO THE COMMITTEE**

- To comment on items going to the Cabinet or Cabinet Members for decision.
- Or to note the items and decide not to comment.

### **INFORMATION**

#### The Forward Plan

1. The Forward Plan for the following months has been published. Those items that are within this Committee's remit are shown on the attached version of the Forward Plan. The Committee may wish to consider these items and comment to the decision-maker.
2. Committee Members are requested to send in any questions they have on any items in the attached Forward Plan or in the published Cabinet agenda and reports, and to request any officers that they wish to be present to give advice.

### **SUGGESTED COMMITTEE ACTIVITY**

- To consider whether there are comments or suggestions that the Committee wishes to make that will aid Cabinet's decision-making.

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# The Cabinet Forward Plan

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<b>CABINET - 14 OCTOBER 2010</b>									
498	<b>Local Land Charge searches</b>	To advise Cabinet on the changes to charging for Local Land Charges Searches. Charges are to be applied through the Environmental Information Regulations and Cabinet will be asked to adopt the proposed charges and to agree that they come into force on 23rd October 2010.	All		Cllr Keith Burrows	PECS - Ian Inniss	Corporate Teams	Statutory Instruments and regulations	<b>NEW</b>
501	<b>Street Scene Enforcement Improvements</b>	This report to Cabinet will present proposals concerning: 1) the introduction of controls regarding the distribution of free printed matter 2) additional Street Trading Terms and Conditions to streamline the application process for community events 3) enforcement action against spitting and 4) proposals in respect of the management of Event Permits.	All		Cllr Keith Burrows / Cllr Sandra Jenkins	PECS - David Frost / Bill Hickson	Corporate Teams	Environmental Protection Act 1990, London Local Authorities Acts and Street Trading Regulations	<b>NEW</b>
502	<b>Highgrove Pool Phase II refurbishment</b>	Cabinet will consider the outcome of the procurement exercise undertaken to appoint a multi-disciplinary project team to progress the design proposals for Phase 2 of the Highgrove Refurbishment Programme. The exercise is being undertaken through Buying Solutions which is an arm of the Office of Government Commerce.	Eastcote & East Ruislip		Cllr Henry Higgins and Cllr Jonathan Bianco	PECS - Mohammed Bhimani	Corporate Teams		<b>NEW</b>

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494	<b>CCTV Framework Agreement and Civic Centre Project</b>	The report will seek Cabinet approval to award a four year Framework Agreement to the four top scoring suppliers with the top scoring tender being recommended to complete the Civic Centre CCTV project. Over the duration of the Framework Agreement, all four contractors will be required to complete a mini competition for any future CCTV installation projects.	All		Cllr Douglas Mills / Cllr Scott Seaman-Digby	PECS - Richard Stainthorpe	Corporate Teams		Moved from Sept Cabinet
490	<b>Acceptance of Tender for Road Signage Term Contract</b>	Cabinet will be asked to award a new Term Contract for road signage. The Term Contractor is to provide the service for an initial period of three years, with the possibility of extending the Contract on an annual basis for a further 2 years, depending on Contractor performance.	All		Cllr Keith Burrows / Cllr Scott Seaman-Digby	PECS - Tim Edwards	Corporate Teams		Moved from Sept Cabinet
495	<b>Planning Tender</b>	This report to Cabinet will concern a new single planning tender to replace the existing planning tenders which outsource registration, scanning and planning application processing. It will give full budgetary and service implications of the recommended tender.	All		Cllr Keith Burrows / Cllr Scott Seaman-Digby	PECS - James Rodger / Matthew Duigan	Corporate Teams		
481	<b>Local Implementation Plan 2011/2012</b>	This report seeks Cabinet's approval of the Local Implementation Plan (LIP) funding submission for 2011/2012 to Transport for London.	All		Cllr Keith Burrows	PECS - Bob Castelijin / Jales Tippell	Transport for London		

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474	<b>Electronic (Online) Petitions to the Council</b>	<p>To inform Cabinet of legislation that becomes law with effect from 15 December 2010 requiring the Council to have in place an electronic petition scheme with the aim of strengthening local democracy. Members will be aware that the Council has benefited from a well established petition procedure for many years. It continues to receive high praise from residents who participate in it.</p> <p>Democratic Services are already prepared for a move to e-petitions having previously invested in the technology capable of implementing this new requirement. Following consultation with the Leader and relevant Cabinet Members, this report to Cabinet will set out a new Petitions Protocol which will form part of the Constitution and be recommended to Council on 4 November 2010.</p>	All	04-Nov-10	Cllr Ray Puddifoot	DCEO - Nikki Stubbs	Members, ICT and internal testing of the system using Council staff	Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009	
SI	<b>Reports from Policy Overview Committees</b>	Major Policy Review recommendations for consideration by the Cabinet as and when completed.	TBC		as appropriate	DCEO - Democratic Services			
SI	<b>Monthly Council Budget - monitoring report</b>	The Cabinet receives a monthly report setting out in detail the council's revenue and capital position.	All		Cllr Jonathan Bianco	F&BS - Paul Whaymand			
<b>CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS - OCTOBER 2010</b>									
SI	<b>Standard Items taken each month by the Cabinet Member</b>	Cabinet Members make a number of decisions each month on standard items - details of these standard items are listed at the end of the Forward Plan.	Various		All	DCEO - Democratic Services	Various	Various	

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366	<b>Private Sector Renewal Strategy 2009 to 2012</b>	Hillingdon is required to have a Private Sector Renewal Strategy and to review and update it when major changes are proposed. This report updates our current strategy in respect of private sector housing enforcement, houses in multiple-occupation, empty property, grants and energy efficiency.	All		Cllr Philip Corthorne	ASCH&H - David McCulloch	Age Concern, DASH, Hillingdon Carers, Private Landlords Forum, Paradigm Housing, Departments within Hillingdon	Hillingdon Private Sector Renewal Strategy 2005-2009, Hillingdon Housing Strategy 2007-2010	
489	<b>Appointment of contractor for works at Mead House</b>	Following the completion of the Phase 1 works at Mead House, Hayes, this report seeks approval to appoint a contractor to undertake the Phase 2 works which will involve extension and refurbishment of the day care centre. This is part of the Mental Health Services modernisation programme. This will create an extension and other internal alterations to provide a new drop in centre.	Charville		Cllr Philip Corthorne	ASCH&H - Mark Hall			
<b>CABINET - 18 NOVEMBER 2010</b>									
503a	<b>Gatehill Farm Estate Conservation Area Status</b>	As part of the ongoing review of the Borough's Conservation Areas, Gatehill Farm Estate Area of Special Local Character (ASLC) has been reconsidered and may now be eligible for designation as a conservation area. The report seeks Cabinet's approval of this and whether to go out to public consultation on the proposed designation.	Northwood Hills		Cllr Keith Burrows	PECS - Nairita Chakraborty		Various	<b>NEW</b>

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507	<b>Phase III Libraries Refurbishment Programme</b>	A report will be presented to Cabinet following the outcome of the tendering exercise undertaken to select the Council's preferred partner to carry out this phase of the refurbishment programme of the Borough's libraries.	Various		Cllr Henry Higgins and Cllr Scott Seaman-Digby	PECS - Mohammed Bhimani	Corporate Teams		<b>NEW</b>
477	<b>Draft Local Development Framework - Core Strategy and Development Management Documents</b>	This report considers responses received during the public consultation and asks Cabinet to recommend to Council the adoption of an amended Core Strategy	All	13-Jan-10	Cllr Keith Burrows	PECS - Jales Tippell	Public consultation has been carried out during the preparation of the documents.	Draft Core Strategy and Development Management documents.	
SI	<b>Reports from Policy Overview Committees</b>	Major Policy Review recommendations for consideration by the Cabinet as and when completed.	TBC		as appropriate	DCEO Democratic Services			
SI	<b>Monthly Council Budget - monitoring report</b>	The Cabinet receives a monthly report setting out in detail the council's revenue and capital position.	All		Cllr Jonathan Bianco	F&BS - Paul Whaymand			
<b>CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS - NOVEMBER 2010</b>									
SI	<b>Standard Items taken each month by the Cabinet Member</b>	Cabinet Members make a number of decisions each month on standard items - details of these standard items are listed at the end of the Forward Plan.	Various		All	DCEO Democratic Services	Various	Various	
<b>CABINET - 16 DECEMBER 2010</b>									

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509	<b>Licensing of Sex Establishment Venues</b>	On 19th January 2010, the Licensing Committee were consulted on the adoption of recent national legislation (Policing and Crime Act 2009) which would give local authorities greater control over sex establishments. The provisions, if adopted by Cabinet, would require all existing and new premises to apply for a "sex establishment licence". The Council is required to prepare a policy and procedure related to the award of any such licenses and subject to Cabinet's approval this will need to be recommended to full Council for adoption (similar to both Licensing and Gambling Policies). A transitional period of 12 months will provide existing venues with time to comply with the provisions of the legislation.	N/A	TBC	Cllr Sandra Jenkins	PECS - Stephanie Waterford	Licensing Committee, Residents, Businesses Interested parties and stakeholders.	Licensing Act 2003 Policing and Crime Act 2009 Home Office consultation on the Regulation of Lap Dancing Clubs	<b>NEW</b>
355	<b>Financial Support to Voluntary Organisations</b>	The report to Cabinet will make recommendations on the level of financial support to voluntary organisations for the 2011/12 financial year.	All		Councillor Douglas Mills	DCEO Nigel Cramb 01895 250394			
468	<b>Contract Award for the Direct Payments Support Service</b>	This report will recommend, that following OJEU tender, the award of the contract to the successful tenderer for the Direct Payments support service in Hillingdon. This service provides independent advice and support to people in receipt of a direct payment or considering a direct payment including assistance with recruitment of personal assistants, advice on being an employer and assistance with pay roll. It is proposed to run the Direct Payment Support Service for three years from 1st April 2011 (with an option to extend the contract by 1+1 years).	All		Cllr Philip Corthorne	ASCH&H - Beverley Grayley	Service users, carers, social workers. Service users will also be on the interview panel for prospective tenderers.		

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465	<b>Review of Statement of Licensing Policy</b>	The Licensing Act 2003 requires the Licensing Authority to review its Statement of Licensing Policy every three years. Cabinet will be asked to recommend to full Council a policy to take effect from February 2011 to February 2014.		13-Jan-10	Cllr Sandra Jenkins	PECS - Norman Stanley	Wide consultation, including the Licensing Committee, relevant partners and the public	Licensing Act 2003	
SI	<b>Reports from Policy Overview Committees</b>	Major Policy Review recommendations for consideration by the Cabinet as and when completed.	TBC		as appropriate	DCEO Democratic Services			
SI	<b>Monthly Council Budget - monitoring report</b>	The Cabinet receives a monthly report setting out in detail the council's revenue and capital position.	All		Cllr Jonathan Bianco	F&BS - Paul Whaymand			
SI	<b>Quarterly Council Plan, Performance, Local Area Agreement and Achievements monitoring - Quarter 2</b>	Regular monitoring report about how the council and partner organisations are performing and how the council is delivering its priorities as set out in the Council Plan.	All		Cllr Ray Puddifoot & Cllr Douglas Mills	DCEO Kevin Byrne / Sue Crehan / Ian Edwards			
SI	<b>Quarterly Performance Monitoring of the Sustainable Community Strategy - Quarter 2</b>	Regular quarterly monitoring report of the Sustainable Community Strategy about how the council and its partners are performing and delivering its priorities as set out in the Strategy.	All		Cllr Douglas Mills	DCEO Ian Edwards			
SI	<b>Quarterly Planning Obligations Monitoring report - Quarter 2</b>	Regular monitoring report with information about spending on section 106 (developer contribution) monies.	All		Cllr Keith Burrows	PECS - Jales Tippell / Vanessa Scott		Previous Cabinet Reports	
<b>CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS - DECEMBER 2010</b>									
SI	<b>Standard Items taken each month by the Cabinet Member</b>	Cabinet Members make a number of decisions each month on standard items - details of these standard items are listed at the end of the Forward Plan.	Various		All	DCEO - Democratic Services	Various	Various	

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<b>COUNCIL - 13 JANUARY 2011</b>									
SI	Approval of Council Tax Base calculation	Council will be asked to approve the calculation of the Council Tax Base for 2011/12	All	13-Jan-11	Cllr Jonathan Bianco	F&BS - Ben Lea			NEW
<b>CABINET - 20 JANUARY 2011</b>									
SI	Reports from Policy Overview Committees	Major Policy Review recommendations for consideration by the Cabinet as and when completed.	TBC		as appropriate	DCEO - Democratic Services			
SI	Monthly Council Budget - monitoring report	The Cabinet receives a monthly report setting out in detail the council's revenue and capital position.	All		Cllr Jonathan Bianco	F&BS - Paul Whaymand			
<b>CABINET - 17 FEBRUARY 2011</b>									
5148	The Council's Budget - Medium Term Financial Forecast 2011/12 - 2014/15	Following consultation, this report will set out the Medium Term Financial Forecast (MTFF), which includes the draft General Fund reserve budget and capital programme for 2011/12 for recommendation to full Council for approval.	All	24-Feb-11	Cllr Jonathan Bianco	F&BS - Paul Whaymand	Public consultation through the Policy Overview Committee in accordance with the Budget and Policy Framework rules and statutory consultation with business ratepayers	Local government finance settlement information on DCLG website	NEW
503b	Gatehill Farm Estate Conservation Area Status	Subject to Cabinet approval in November 2010, this report will present the outcome of the consultation on designating the Gatehill Farm Estate Area of Special Local Character as a Conservation Area.	Northwood Hills		Cllr Keith Burrows	PECS - Nairita Chakraborty	Ward Councillors, local residents, owners and other interested groups within the proposed area	Various	NEW



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SI	<b>Reports from Policy Overview Committees</b>	Major Policy Review recommendations for consideration by the Cabinet as and when completed.	TBC		as appropriate	DCEO - Democratic Services			<b>NEW</b>
SI	<b>Monthly Council Budget - monitoring report</b>	The Cabinet receives a monthly report setting out in detail the council's revenue and capital position.	All		Cllr Jonathan Bianco	F&BS - Paul Whaymand			<b>NEW</b>
<b>CABINET - 17 MARCH 2011</b>									
SI	<b>Quarterly Council Plan, Performance, Local Area Agreement and Achievements monitoring - Quarter 3</b>	Regular monitoring report about how the council and partner organisations are performing and how the council is delivering its priorities as set out in the Council Plan.	All		Cllr Ray Puddifoot & Cllr Douglas Mills	DCEO - Kevin Byrne / Sue Crehan / Ian Edwards			<b>NEW</b>
SI	<b>Quarterly Performance Monitoring of the Sustainable Community Strategy - Quarter 3</b>	Regular quarterly monitoring report of the Sustainable Community Strategy about how the council and its partners are performing and delivering its priorities as set out in the Strategy.	All		Cllr Douglas Mills	DCEO - Ian Edwards			<b>NEW</b>
SI	<b>Quarterly Planning Obligations Monitoring report - Quarter 3</b>	Regular monitoring report with information about spending on section 106 (developer contribution) monies.	All		Cllr Keith Burrows	PECS - Jales Tippell / Vanessa Scott		Previous Cabinet Reports	<b>NEW</b>
SI	<b>Reports from Policy Overview Committees</b>	Major Policy Review recommendations for consideration by the Cabinet as and when completed.	TBC		as appropriate	DCEO - Democratic Services			<b>NEW</b>
SI	<b>Monthly Council Budget - monitoring report</b>	The Cabinet receives a monthly report setting out in detail the council's revenue and capital position.	All		Cllr Jonathan Bianco	F&BS - Paul Whaymand			<b>NEW</b>
<b>CABINET MEMBER - LIST OF STANDARD ITEMS CONSIDERED EACH MONTH</b>									

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SI	Local Safety Schemes and Parking Revenue Account funded schemes	To consider petitions received and decide on future action			Cllr Keith Burrows	PECS David Knowles	Traffic Liaison Group	LAAU Accident Statistics	
SI	Pedestrian Crossings	To approve schemes to provide crossing facilities			Cllr Keith Burrows	PECS David Knowles			
SI	Road Safety Programme, Traffic Congestion Mitigation Programme and School Travel Plan Programme	To approve any schemes in the programmes			Cllr Keith Burrows	PECS David Knowles	Traffic Liaison Group, Motorists' Forum, Ward Councillors		
SI	London Cycle Network Schemes and Cycling Initiative Schemes	To approve any schemes that are part of the London Cycle Network or are cycling initiative schemes			Cllr Keith Burrows	PECS David Knowles			
SI	Chrysalis Programme of Environmental Improvements	The Cabinet Member(s) will be asked to consider the recommendations of the Environmental Improvements Panel.	Various		Cllr Douglas Mills & Cllr Sandra Jenkins	PECS Maggie Allen			
SI	Response to key consultations that may impact upon the Borough	A standard item to capture any emerging consultations from Government, the GLA or other public bodies and institutions that will impact upon the Borough. Where the deadline to respond cannot be met by the date of the Cabinet meeting, the Constitution allows the Cabinet Member to sign-off the response.	TBC		as appropriate	DCEO Democratic Services			

## **RESIDENTS' AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES POLICY OVERVIEW COMMITTEE 2010-11**

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### **REASON FOR ITEM**

**All Committee meetings will begin at 5.30 p.m.** That the Committee consider revisions to the scheduling of existing meetings based upon review topics during 2010/11 as set out below:

### **WORK PROGRAMME**

<b>8 June 2010</b>	Work Programme – review the annual work programme
	Review Discuss – to discuss potential review topics for 2010/11.
	Cabinet Forward Plan – review forthcoming decisions and if appropriate, comment to the decision-maker.
<b>27 July 2010</b>	Work Programme – review the annual work programme
	Review 1 – to consider various scoping reports and decide on one or two review topics for 2010/11.
	LDF - Core Strategy: Consultation on Policy Framework document.
	Cabinet Forward Plan – review forthcoming decisions and if appropriate, comment to the decision-maker.
<b>22 September 2010</b>	Work Programme – review the annual work programme
	Review 1 – Witness Session: Importation and Distribution
	Review 2 – Consideration of Scoping Report
	Cabinet Forward Plan – review forthcoming decisions and if appropriate, comment to the decision-maker.

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Residents' and Environmental Services Policy Overview Committee

PART 1 – MEMBERS, PUBLIC AND PRESS

<b>7 October 2010</b>	Work Programme – review the annual work programme
	Review 1 – Witness Session: Social
	Cabinet Forward Plan – review forthcoming decisions and if appropriate, comment to the decision-maker.
<b>16 November 2010</b>	Work Programme – review the annual work programme
	Statement of Licensing Policy - consultation update by Licensing Service Manager
	Annual Safety at Sports Ground Report – Committee update.
	Review 1 – witness session: Health
	Cabinet Forward Plan – review forthcoming decisions and if appropriate, comment to the decision-maker.
<b>14 December 2010</b>	Work Programme – review the annual work programme
	Review 1 – witness session: crime and anti-social behaviour
	Review 2 – Committee to agree final report
	Cabinet Forward Plan – review forthcoming decisions and if appropriate, comment to the decision-maker.
<b>18 January 2011</b>	Work Programme – review the annual work programme
	Review 1 – witness session: national
	Cabinet Forward Plan – review forthcoming decisions and if appropriate, comment to the decision-maker.
<b>15 February 2011</b>	Work Programme – review the annual work programme
	Review 1 – witness session: women’s association?
	Cabinet Forward Plan – review forthcoming decisions and if appropriate, comment to the decision-maker.
<b>9 March 2011</b>	Work Programme – review the annual work programme
	Review 1 – discussion of conclusions and recommendations

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Residents’ and Environmental Services Policy Overview Committee

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	Cabinet Forward Plan – review forthcoming decisions and if appropriate, comment to the decision-maker.
<b>12 April 2011</b>	Work Programme – review the annual work programme
	Review 1 – agree final report
	Cabinet Forward Plan – review forthcoming decisions and if appropriate, comment to the decision-maker.

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