

## Minutes

### RESIDENTS' AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES POLICY OVERVIEW COMMITTEE

8 March 2011

Meeting held at Committee Room 3 - Civic Centre,  
High Street, Uxbridge UB8 1UW



HILLINGDON  
LONDON

	<p><b>Committee Members Present:</b> Councillors Michael Markham (Chairman), Shirley Harper O'Neil (Vice-Chairman), Janet Duncan (Labour Lead), Judy Kelly, June Nelson &amp; Susan O'Brien.</p> <p><b>LBH Officers Present:</b> Ed Shaylor – Community Safety, Planning, Environment, Education &amp; Community Services Natasha Dogra – Democratic Services</p>	
8.	<p><b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> (<i>Agenda Item 1</i>)</p> <p>None.</p>	<b>Action by</b>
9.	<p><b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN MATTERS COMING BEFORE THIS MEETING</b> (<i>Agenda Item 2</i>)</p> <p>None.</p>	<b>Action by</b>
10.	<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 were marked Part I and were considered in public.</p>	<b>Action by</b>
11.	<p><b>TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 FEBRUARY 2011</b> (<i>Agenda Item 4</i>)</p> <p>The minutes were agreed as an accurate record.</p>	<b>Action by</b>
12.	<p><b>CONSIDERATION OF THE HILLINGDON KHAT REPORT</b> (<i>Agenda Item 5</i>)</p> <p>The Committee considered their final report regarding Khat and the issues faced by Hillingdon and beyond.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked the Committee and Officers for their enthusiasm and commitment during the year long review. The Committee agreed that the review had been very interesting and had brought to light a number of issues which they were unaware of prior to the undertaking the review. Members said the biggest surprises were the amount of money involved in the Khat industry along with the health effects that were associated with Khat chewing.</p>	<b>Action by</b>

	<p>Members were content that their recommendation to regulate Khat would solve more problems than banning it would. The Committee noted that although the effects of Khat chewing were vast it only affected a small minority and the problem must not be blown out of proportion.</p> <p>The Committee agreed that further work needed to be performed by health services to tackle problems caused by Khat. Members agreed that the Local Strategic Partnership Group meetings would help bring services together to share best practice, so long as one group took responsibility for Khat, for example the Health and Wellbeing Board.</p> <p><b>Agreed:</b>  <b>The Committee agreed that delegated authority be given to the Chairman and Lead Officer to continue to finalise the report and send the report to April or May Cabinet.</b></p>	
13.	<p><b>REVIEW TOPICS DISCUSSION FOR 2011/12</b> (<i>Agenda Item 6</i>)</p> <p><b>Agreed:</b>  <b>The Committee agreed to wait until May to decide further review topics.</b></p>	<b>Action by</b>
14.	<p><b>FORWARD PLAN</b> (<i>Agenda Item 7</i>)</p> <p><b>Noted:</b>  <b>The Committee noted the Forward Plan</b></p>	<b>Action by</b>
15.	<p><b>WORK PROGRAMME 2010</b> (<i>Agenda Item 8</i>)</p> <p><b>Noted:</b>  <b>The Committee noted the Work Programme.</b></p>	<b>Action by</b>
<p>The meeting, which commenced at 5.30 pm, closed at 7.00 pm.</p>		

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