1.0 Summary

1.1 The Health Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee has agreed to establish a task group to look at the health and social impact of khat in Brent. Members have been nominated to work on this task group and an initial meeting has taken place with members of Brent’s Somali community to discuss the group’s scoping document and the issues associated with khat use.

1.2 The task group members are:

- Councillor Ann Hunter (chair)
- Councillor Eddie Baker
- Councillor Helga Gladbaum
- Councillor Krupesh Hirani
- Councillor Roxanne Mashari
- Councillor Margaret McLennan

1.3 When the task group was established it was agreed that the group’s scope would be presented to this committee for information. This is included at appendix 1 to this report. The committee will note that at present it is planned to report the task group’s final report to the meeting on the 20th September 2011.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 That the Health Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee note the Khat Task Group scoping document at appendix 1 and receives the group’s final report at its meeting on 20th September 2011.
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