

<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM: 17</b>
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<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>EAST MIDLANDS AIRPORT DRAFT NOISE ACTION PLAN</b>	<b>REF:</b>
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## **1.0 Recommendations**

- 1.1 It is recommended that a cross-party Member Working Panel be established with authority for determining a Committee resolution in response to the forthcoming East Midlands Airport Draft Noise Action Plan. This response would then be presented to a future meeting of this Committee for information.

## **2.0 Purpose of Report**

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the establishment of a cross-party Member Working Panel with delegated authority to determine a Council response to the East Midlands Airport Draft Noise Action Plan. The response would then be reported to a later meeting of the Environmental and Development Services Committee for information.

## **3.0 Detail**

- 3.1 The Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) has required that all major airports review their Noise Action Plans (NAPs) in 2018. The purpose of NAPs is to prevent and reduce environmental noise where necessary. Under the regulations affected airports must provide performance information and assess how effectively they are controlling the effect of noise arising from aircraft landing and take-off. East Midlands Airport's outgoing Noise Action Plan formed part of its Sustainable Development Strategy and was reported to this Committee at its meeting of 10 April 2014 (minute EDS/56 refers).
- 3.2 The publication date of the Draft Noise Action Plan meant that it was not possible to prepare a report to this Committee meeting setting out the content of the Plan and recommending an appropriate Council response. The Committee has addressed previous aviation-related consultations by giving delegated authority to cross-party

Member Working Panels to consider all relevant material and formulate Council responses. In recognition of the need to submit a Council response by the consultation end date, it is proposed that such a Member Working Panel be established to consider the Draft Noise Action Plan and formulate a Council response.

#### **4.0 Conclusions**

4.1 At its meeting of 28<sup>th</sup> September 2017, this Committee resolved to establish a cross-party Member Working Panel to consider the on-going Department for Transport consultations on the emerging National Aviation Strategy (Minute EDS/41 refers). It is proposed that the same approach be applied in regard to the Draft Noise Action Plan and that a Member Working Panel be established to determine a Council response to the consultation which would then be reported to a later meeting of this Committee for information. In accordance with previous practice, it is suggested that the Panel should comprise the Chair and Vice Chair of this Committee, Councillor Harrison to represent the locally affected residents and a representative of the Opposition party.

#### **5.0 Financial Implications**

5.1 There are no financial implications for the Council.

#### **6.0 Corporate Implications**

6.1 The East Midlands Airport Draft Noise Action Plan has implications for the following key aim of the Corporate Plan:

- “Enhance environmental standards”: the Draft Noise action Plan addresses the issue of potential noise exposure for local residents.

#### **7.0 Community Implications**

7.1 Aviation has implications for the following themes of the Sustainable Community Strategy:

- “Healthier Communities”: aircraft noise and emissions can potentially be harmful to human health.
- “Sustainable Development”: aviation activity can impact upon the environment in terms of noise and emissions.

#### **8.0 Background Papers**

“East Midlands Airport Sustainable Development Plan” 2015

“East Midlands Airport Draft Noise Action Plan” May 2018