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## **1.0 Recommendations**

- 1.1 It is recommended that the response submitted to the Department for Transport, included at Annexe A of this report, be noted.

## **2.0 Purpose of Report**

- 2.1 The purpose of the report is to advise members of the Council response to the consultation “Beyond the Horizon – The future of UK aviation”, prepared by the Member Working Panel, in accordance with the resolution of Environmental and Development Services Committee of 28<sup>th</sup> September 2017 (minute EDS/41 refers) and approved by the Chairman and Vice Chairman of this Committee using delegated powers.

## **3.0 Detail**

- 3.1 Earlier this year, as the first step in the creation of a new Aviation Strategy for Britain, the Department for Transport published the document “Beyond the Horizon – The Future of UK Aviation” for consultation. At its meeting of 28<sup>th</sup> September Environmental and Development Services Committee was advised that the closing date for the initial consultation was 13<sup>th</sup> October 2017. In recognition of the breadth, complexity and technical nature of the issues raised it was resolved to establish a Member Working Panel to prepare Council responses to this and future aviation strategy consultations and that the response to the initial consultation be reported to a future meeting of this committee for information.

## **4.0 Financial Implications**

4.1 There are no direct financial implications for the Council.

## **5.0 Corporate Implications**

5.1 Aviation has implications for the following key aims of the Corporate Plan:

- “Enhance environmental standards”: aircraft movements and airport activity can potentially have environmental and amenity implications in terms of noise, air quality, and surface transport.
- “Maintain a skilled workforce”: East Midlands Airport, related businesses clustered close to that site, aircraft parts manufacturers within and close to the district and the local tourism industry provide employment for South Derbyshire residents.
- “Help to influence and develop the infrastructure for economic growth”, “work to attract further inward investment” and “work to maximise the employment, training and leisure uses of the National Forest by residents and increase the visitor spend by tourists”: South Derbyshire District Council is a consultee on planning applications affecting the East Midlands Airport site and is assisting in the planning of the Infinity Park development on the southern fringe of Derby, which may contribute toward supporting aviation-related employment for South Derbyshire residents. The presence of East Midlands Airport is a key selling point in attracting inward investment of all types to the district and could also potentially contribute toward growing the local tourism economy, including within the National Forest as it develops as a visitor destination.

## **6.0 Community Implications**

6.1 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, but can also provide economic and employment benefits, often accompanied by training provision, at airports and in other related businesses including logistics, aircraft parts manufacture and tourism. Airport surface access strategies can improve opportunities to travel using non-car modes.

## **7.0 Conclusions**

7.1 The Member Working Panel met on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017 to prepare a Council response, which was duly submitted to the Department for Transport and is included at Annexe A of this report for information.

## 8.0 **Background Papers**

“Beyond the Horizon - the future of UK aviation”

Dept. for Transport, 2017