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| REPORT FROM: | DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE | OPEN |
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| SUBJECT: | NOTTINGHAM EAST MIDLANDS AIRPORT DRAFT MASTER PLAN CONSULTATION | REF: u:/richard/committees/FM14 |
| WARD(S) AFFECTED: | ALL | TERMS OF REFERENCE: FM14 |

1.0 Recommendations

1.1 Members are asked:

- (i) to determine whether they would wish to proceed with the establishment of a Working Panel to consider the Nottingham East Midlands Airport Draft Master Plan and
- (ii) if so to identify the members that would comprise such a panel and
- (iii) to set a date for the first meeting of the panel which should ideally take place before 31 March 2006.

2.0 Purpose of Report

2.1 To advise members of the publication of the Nottingham East Midlands Airport Draft Master Plan for consultation and to ask whether they would wish to establish a Working Panel to consider the Nottingham East Midlands Airport Draft Master Plan with a view to helping shape a report to be presented to the next meeting of Finance and Management Committee and if so to identify the members that would comprise such a panel and the date of the first meeting of the panel.

3.0 Detail

3.1 Nottingham East Midlands Airport has published a Draft Master Plan for consultation. A copy of the document along with two summary versions has been placed in the Members Room. The document may also be viewed at the airport's website at www.nottinghamema.com. A travelling exhibition has also been organised and is scheduled to appear at the Green Bank Leisure Centre in Swadlincote on 23rd March between 3.00 and 7.00pm. The closing date for responses to the consultation exercise is 14 May 2006.

3.2 In December 2003 the Government published its policy for UK airports in a White Paper entitled "The Future of Air Transport". The operators of larger airports are expected to draw up a master plan explaining how they will implement Government policy.

3.3 The Draft Master Plan considers a wide range of issues relating to the operation and development of the airport including future growth in passenger numbers and freight volumes, physical development requirements, surface access provision and environmental impact and mitigation measures. It explains in detail proposals for the period to 2016 and looks more generally at the period from 2016 to 2030.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 None

5.0 Corporate Implications

5.1 The Draft Master Plan may have implications for the following Key Aims of the Council's Corporate Plan:

- Safeguard and enhance a sustainable environment
- Develop a vibrant and sustainable economy

6.0 Community Implications

6.1 The Draft Master Plan may have implications for the following themes of the South Derbyshire Community Strategy:

- Healthy communities
- A vibrant economy
- A sustainable environment

7.0 Conclusions

7.1 Members may recall that in considering the Department for Transport consultation exercise "The Future of Air Transport in the UK", it was resolved at Finance and Management Committee of 5th September 2002 to establish a Working Panel to consider a response to the exercise to be presented at a later meeting of the Finance and Management Committee (minute FM/31 refers). In light of the scope and wide ranging implications of the Draft Master Plan, and subject to the agreement of this Committee to proceed, contact has been made with the leaders of the majority group and the opposition group with a view to establishing another Working Panel. The panel would contribute towards the preparation of a Committee Report to be presented to Finance and Management Committee at its meeting of 4th May 2006.

7.2 If it decides to proceed the Committee is asked to identify the members that would comprise such a panel and it is suggested that those represented on the previous Working Panel be asked to perform the role once again in order to take advantage of their experience and knowledge in this area. It should be noted that the panel would need to determine its recommended response to the document well in advance of the 4th May Committee meeting, taking account of the time needed to prepare a report and having regard to the three week lead in period for the submission of a Committee agenda item. The Committee is therefore requested to set a date for the first meeting of the panel, which should ideally take place in advance of 31 March.

8.0 Background Papers

Draft Master Plan Consultation
Document

Nottingham East Midlands Airport, 2006