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1.0 Recommendations

1.1 That the review of consultation activity between Council and East Midlands Airport as set out in this report be noted and that Members be nominated to attend meetings to discuss matters of on-going interest:

(i) with representatives of East Midlands Airport on an annual basis and

(ii) with representatives of each of the express freight businesses operating from East Midlands Airport.

2.0 Purpose of Report

2.1 To appraise Members of consultation between the Council and East Midlands Airport (EMA) representatives over the past year and to seek the nomination of Members to meet annually with EMA and, on a one-off basis, the express freight businesses operating at EMA, to discuss matters of on-going interest.

3.0 Detail

3.1 The adopted EMA Master Plan was the subject of a report to the Environmental and Development Services Committee of 8 March 2007 (minute EDS/87 refers), in which concerns were raised about EMA's response to a number of the Council's representations on the Draft edition of the Master Plan, considered by Finance and Management Committee at its meeting of 16 May, 2006 (minute FM/144 refers).

3.2 In response EMA proposed a meeting with Council representatives to clarify the Airport's position. Members were nominated for this task at the meeting of Environmental and Development Services Committee on 7 June 2007 (minute EDS/3 refers). The meeting subsequently took place on 8 August 2007, the minutes of which are included at Annexe A. There was a wide-ranging discussion covering such issues as public consultation, growth forecasts, surface access and emergency planning. It was proposed that further meetings should be arranged to allow the establishment of an on-going dialogue between the parties.

3.3 The two parties wished to consider each of the points raised by Environmental and Development Services Committee on 7 March 2007 in relation to the Master Plan with a view to reaching an agreed position. A further meeting was therefore arranged

for this purpose involving the Deputy Leader of the Council, with officer support, and EMA representatives. This took place on 5 November 2007 and notes of the discussion are included at Annexe B. As part of the discussion EMA agreed to provide a copy of a paper explaining the system of charges used by the Airport to encourage daytime and discourage night-time flights. This is included at Annexe C.

- 3.4 The issue of night flights by express freight operators was raised and it was proposed that separate meetings between Council representatives and these businesses be arranged. EMA agreed to facilitate these and a provisional date has been set for a meeting with DHL later this month. As yet no dates have been proposed for meetings with the remaining freight operators.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 None.

5.0 Corporate Implications

- 5.1 Airport related activity has implications for the following Key Aims of the Council's Corporate Plan:

- "Safer, Healthier Communities" insofar as noise disturbance and air pollution can present health implications
- "Rural South Derbyshire" in that the area of South Derbyshire most directly affected by EMA is rural in nature and surface access arrangements can have implications for rural bus services
- "Prosperity For All" in that the presence and growth of EMA presents economic implications for South Derbyshire

6.0 Community Implications

- 6.1 Airport related activity has implications for the following themes of the South Derbyshire Community Strategy:

- "Healthy Communities" insofar as noise disturbance and air pollution can present health implications
- "A Vibrant Economy" in that the presence and growth of EMA presents economic implications for South Derbyshire
- "A Sustainable Environment" in that activity at EMA presents environmental implications

7.0 Conclusions

- 7.1 The meetings that have so far taken place have succeeded in establishing a dialogue between EMA and the Council, allowing each party to gain a better understanding of the other's position in regard to a range of issues.
- 7.2 The matters discussed are constantly evolving and are of on-going interest to the Council. It is therefore proposed that arrangements be set in place for annual meetings between nominated Members and EMA representatives.
- 7.3 It is further proposed that meetings between express freight operators and Council representatives be arranged for the discussion of matters of interest to this District.

8.0 Background Papers

East Midlands Airport Master Plan

East Midlands Airport 2006