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SUBJECT:	East Midlands Airport Noise Action Plan	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	All	TERMS OF REFERENCE: EDS

1.0 Recommendations

- 1.1 Members agree that East Midlands Airport be informed that for the reasons set out in the Appendix to this report the draft Noise Action Plan does not adequately justify why the airport considers existing noise levels to be acceptable.

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 The EU Environmental Noise Directive and subsequent UK regulations require airports with over 50,000 movements per year to produce a Noise Action Plan (NAP). East Midlands Airport (EMA) has produced a draft NAP that details the current noise impact of the airport's operations and the measures in place to mitigate this impact. It also seeks to establish if the existing noise mitigation programme is appropriate for the levels of noise currently generated by the airport. The consultation period expires in 21 October 2009.
- 2.2 The purpose of the report is to enable the Committee to make its formal views on the Draft NAP known to EMA.

3.0 Detail

Statutory Framework

- 3.1 The draft NAP is required by Section 18 of the Environmental Noise (England) Regulations 2006. These regulations transposed the EU Environmental Noise Directive (2002/49/EC) into UK legislation. The draft NAP is informed by DEFRA guidance.

- 3.2 The guidance lays down specific requirements for consultation. On completion of the public consultation EMA will consider the responses and submit a draft NAP, revised where appropriate, to the Government. If approved by the Government this will become the Noise Action Plan.

Purpose of Noise Action Plans

- 3.3 NAPs are designed to manage noise issues and effects of planes arriving and departing from their airport, as shown by the results of noise mapping, and will include noise reduction where necessary. The current noise impact of the airport's operations are considered in the NAP process together with current control measures, which enable a view to be formed as to whether or not the current impact is acceptable. If not then further action is required.

Comments of Environmental Protection Manager

- 3.4 The Environmental Protection Manager has been engaged in discussions with a Joint Authority Working Group. He notes that the NAP seeks to justify present noise levels at the airport and considers that this is inadequate. His views will be reported to the working group on 25 September and will form an appendix to this report to enable the Council to make a formal response to the airport.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 None.

5.0 Corporate Implications

- 5.1 Airport related activity has implications for the following Key Aim 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 the environmental impacts of activity at EMA is rural in nature
- "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 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 potential environmental implications for South Derbyshire

7.0 Conclusions

- 7.1 The draft NAP does not adequately justify why EMA consider existing noise levels to be acceptable.

8.0 Background Papers

East Midlands Airport Draft Noise Action Plan July 2009
Environmental Protection Manager's report to Joint Authority Working Group.

