

<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM: 8</b>
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<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>EAST MIDLANDS AIRPORT DRAFT NOISE ACTION PLAN</b>	<b>REF:</b>
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	<b>ALL WARDS</b>	<b>TERMS OF REFERENCE: EDS17</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 2023. 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.
- 3.2 Although dates have not yet been formally set the consultation period for the Draft NAP is anticipated to begin before the end of May and to end on 31 July. This means that it will not be possible to prepare a report to this Committee setting out a recommended Council response. The same situation arose in relation to the previous Draft EMA NAP and at its meeting of 31 May 2018 the Committee responded by delegating authority to a nominated Member Working Panel to consider all relevant material and formulate a Council response (minute EDS/17 refers). That response was subsequently reported

for information to the next meeting of the Committee, on 16 August, 2018 (minute EDS 33 refers).

#### **4.0 Conclusions**

4.1 It is proposed that the approach set out in para 3.2 be applied in regard to the current Draft NAP consultation and that a Member Working Panel be established to determine a Council response, which would then be reported to a later meeting of this Committee for information. As was the case previously, it is suggested that the Panel should comprise the Chair and Vice Chair of this Committee, a member to represent the most 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**

##### Employment Implications

6.1 None identified.

##### Legal Implications

6.2 None identified.

##### Corporate Plan Implications

6.3 The Draft NAP has implications for the following key aims of the Corporate Plan:

- “Encourage and support business development and new investment in the District” as the presence of the East Midlands Airport provides an advantage to local employers and inward investors.
- “Attract and retain skilled jobs in the District”, (see above)
- “Promote Health and Wellbeing across the District” as noise from night time air traffic movements and resulting sleep loss can impact the health and wellbeing of the population affected

##### Risk Impact

6.4 None identified.

#### **7.0 Community Implications**

##### Consultation

7.1 This is a consultation exercise being conducted by East Midlands Airport

##### Equality and Diversity Impact

7.2 The East Midlands Airport site helps to support the local economy both directly by providing employment for local residents and indirectly by providing for the needs of employers operating within South Derbyshire. It can also potentially impact the amenity of local communities through noise generation, subject to mitigation interventions.

Social Value Impact

7.3 See “Equality and Diversity Impact”, para 7.2.

Environmental Sustainability

7.4 Commercial aviation can potentially have negative impacts on the natural environment through carbon and other emissions at present, although EMA is seeking to achieve net zero emissions in terms of the operation of the airport itself and surface access by 2038.

**8.0 Background Papers**

“East Midlands Airport Draft Noise Action Plan”

June 2023