

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

23 November 2022

PRESENT: -

Labour Group

Councillor Bambrick (Chair) and Stuart (Vice-Chair)
Councillors Gee and L Mulgrew

Conservative Group

Councillors Atkin Hewlett and Muller

In Attendance

Councillor

OS/28 **APOLOGIES**

The Committee was informed that apologies had been received from Councillor Ackroyd (Conservative Group)

OS/29 **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of Meetings held on 09 February 2022 and 15 June 2022 were noted and approved as true record and signed by the Chair.

OS/30 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ARISING FROM ITEMS ON AGENDA**

The Committee was informed that no Declarations of Interest had been received.

OS/31 **QUESTIONS RECEIVED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 10**

The Committee was informed that no questions from members of the Public had been received.

OS/32 **QUESTIONS RECEIVED BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 11**

The Committee was informed that no questions from Members of the Council had been received.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

OS/33 **EAST MIDLANDS AIRPORT PRESENTATION**

East Midlands Airport representatives attended the Committee meeting and delivered a presentation regarding general business updates, noise action plan and the airspace change project.

An East Midlands Airport representative advised the Committee that the last year business had seen a strong recovery from the Covid pandemic and in October 2022 that passenger volumes were at 84% of the 2019 volumes. It was noted that research commissioned earlier in the year in relation to nature of cargo travelling through the airport found that East Midlands Airport had either direct or indirect connectivity to major nodes of the global networks and that the movement of cargo served 75% of alpha cities and 50% of beta cities.

Members raised queries regarding the Freeport.

An East Midlands Airport representative informed the Committee that it was the only airport centred freeport in the country and would be part of a Tax site to encourage investment it was noted that the feedback regarding the Freeport Full Business Case was positive

An East Midlands Airport representative outlined the noise action plan 2019-23 noting that set controls within action plan were approved by secretary of state and that as it was the tail end of the action plan a review would begin at the beginning of 2023. The East Midlands Airport representative gave an overview of measuring and monitoring noise, aircraft technology that was driving quieter operations, reducing noise at source and the opportunities available to help the airport manage noise.

Members raised queries regarding night flights times, widening the parameters for noise monitoring in Melbourne and types of aircraft used for night flights.

The Committee was informed that throughout the year night flight times were between 23:00hrs and 07:00hrs and that the noise monitoring method would be carried out over a 12 month period and the monitoring and model were as accurate as possible. It was further noted that preferential runways were used for taking off which reduced the number of flights over Melbourne and that noise monitors had been placed in Melbourne, Kegworth and Castle Donnington to build up a better picture about how noise impacted on residents.

The Committee was advised during covid there was a big upsurge in capacity and for a period time old version jumbo jets were used but the airport was working hard with airlines so that it would only be temporary and advised that those aircraft would not routinely be in operation.

EMA \do have charging schemes for night flights and noiser aircrafts pay more.

The East Midlands Airport representative presented an overview of the airspace change timeline from 2019/2020 until 2027 onwards, which included flight paths and improved technology on aircraft.

The presentation concluded with the airports approach to corporate responsibility that included a commitment to a more sustainable future and playing a leading role in decarbonising the aviation sector. The Committee was informed of a number of sustainable projects the airport was involved with that included an Eco Garden competition with 25 schools and the National Wildlife Trust and the planting of 1,000 trees in new Cadley Park.

The Chair of the Committee and Members thanked the representative for attending the Committee and invited them to return for following year for an update.

OS/34 **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) presented the Work Programme to the Committee. The Committee was advised that as concern had been raised regarding agency costs and vacant posts a report would be presented at the next Finance and Management Committee. The Chair of Overview and Scrutiny advised that he would attend Finance and Management Committee and request that an action plan be kept under review by Overview and Scrutiny.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee considered and approved the updated work programme.

OS/35 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985**

RESOLVED:

That, in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the Meeting as it would be likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that there would be disclosed exempt information as defined in the paragraphs of Part 1 of the Schedule 12A of the Act indicated in brackets after each item.

OS/36 **EXEMPT QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 11**

The Committee was informed that no exempt questions from Members of the Council had been received.

The Meeting terminated at 19:10 hours

COUNCILLOR S BAMBRICK

CHAIR