

REPORT TO:	ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM: 8
DATE OF MEETING:	5th MARCH, 2020	CATEGORY: DELEGATED
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SUBJECT:	EAST MIDLANDS AIRPORT INFORMATION MEETINGS	
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ALL	TERMS OF REFERENCE: EDS03

1.0 Recommendations

- 1.1 That the Chair and Vice Chair of Environmental and Development Services Committee, an elected member to represent the wards most affected by activity at East Midlands Airport (EMA) and an elected member to represent the opposition party be authorised to attend meetings annually with representatives of EMA to discuss on-going matters of mutual interest.

2.0 Purpose of the Report

- 2.1 To seek authorisation for Elected Members to attend meetings annually with representatives of EMA to discuss on-going matters of mutual interest.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 The close proximity of EMA to South Derbyshire means that it has a substantial bearing on the wellbeing of the district in terms of direct employment and training provision, the attraction and retention of business activity, the provision of surface and air transport services used by local residents and environmental impacts, including noise.
- 3.2 At Environmental and Development Services Committee of 3 June 2008, elected members were nominated to attend meetings with EMA representatives with a view to enabling the Council and EMA to maintain a clear understanding of continually evolving matters of mutual interest (minute EDS/4 refers).
- 3.3 Meetings have since taken place annually as planned, however changes in the Council membership mean that a new resolution is required to enable a continuation of these arrangements.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 None.

5.0 Corporate Implications

- 5.1 **Employment Implications:** Meetings will continue to be arranged and held with officer support using existing staff resources.

- 5.2 **Legal Implications:** The main purpose of the meetings is to exchange information. Any matters raised that require formal resolutions will be the subject of further reports to Committee.
- 5.3 **Corporate Plan Implications:** Activity at EMA has implications for the strategic priorities and objectives contained in the Council's Corporate Plan in terms of improving the environment, encouraging and supporting business development and new investment in the district and supporting social mobility through employment training.
- 5.4 **Risk Impact:** A good understanding between the Council and EMA of their respective needs, aspirations and plans will assist the Council in optimising economic, environmental and amenity outcomes for South Derbyshire residents.
- 6.0 Community Impact**
- 6.1 **Consultation:** No consultation will arise directly from the EMA information meetings. EMA maintains dialogue with local communities and undertakes formal public consultation exercises when significant new plans and strategies are being prepared. South Derbyshire District Council is a consultee.
- 6.2 **Equality and Diversity Impact:** The exchange of information between EMA and the Council relating to matters affecting employment, training, the environment, transport and amenity will assist in meeting the diverse needs of established and future residents and non-residents across the District.
- 6.3 **Social Value Impact:** EMA is a significant direct employer and assists in attracting other investment to the surrounding area, thus assisting in maintaining and generating local employment. Airport related activity can also result in environmental and amenity impacts, including night-time noise, which can potentially present implications for public health and wellbeing.
- 6.4 **Environmental Sustainability:** The EMA Sustainable Development Plan seeks continuous improvement in environmental performance in order to maintain certification to the ISO14001 standard.
- 7.0 Conclusions**
- 7.1 The meetings have to date provided a valuable forum for the exchange of information, assisting both EMA and the Council in pursuing their respective objectives. To allow future changes to be made to the composition of the group without the need for further Committee resolutions it is proposed that, rather than nominating particular elected members to attend the meetings, the Committee should instead identify the positions to be filled, as set out in the recommendation at para. 1.1.
- 9.0 Background Papers**
"Sustainable Development Plan"

East Midlands Airport, 2015