

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVENTRY

17th July, 2007

PRESENT

Lord Mayor (Councillor Batten)

Councillor Adalat	Councillor Kelsey
Councillor Ahmed	Councillor Khan
Councillor Arrowsmith	Councillor Mrs. Lancaster
Councillor Asif	Councillor Lee
Councillor Bains	Councillor Mrs. Lucas
Councillor Benefield	Councillor Maton
Councillor Mrs. Bigham	Councillor McNicholas
Councillor Blundell	Councillor Mulhall
Councillor Charley	Councillor Mutton
Councillor Chater	Councillor Noonan
Councillor Cliffe	Councillor O'Boyle
Councillor Clifford	Councillor O'Neill
Councillor Mrs. Dixon	Councillor Ms. Reece
Councillor Duggins	Councillor Ridge
Councillor Foster	Councillor Ridley
Councillor Gazey	Councillor Sawdon
Councillor Mrs. Griffin	Councillor Skinner
Councillor Mrs. Harper	Councillor Skipper
Councillor Harrison	Councillor Smith
Councillor Harvard	Councillor Mrs. Sweet
Councillor Ms. Hunter	Councillor Taylor
Councillor Mrs. Johnson	Councillor Townshend
Councillor Kelly	

Apologies: Councillor Crookes
Councillor Lakha
Councillor lee
Councillor Matchet
Councillor Nellist
Councillor Mrs. Waters
Councillor Williams

34. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Taylor declared a prejudicial interest in the matter the subject of Minute 38/07 below, headed "Birmingham International Airport – Sale of Shares by Macquarie Airports Group Limited and Aer Rianta International cpt".

35. **Chris Hinde**

The Lord Mayor drew the Council's attention to the fact that this was the last meeting of the City Council that Chris Hinde, Director of Legal and Democratic Services would be attending. The Council thanked Chris for all his help and assistance to members in carrying out their duties for the city and passed on their good wishes for the future.

36. **Exclusion of Press and Public**

RESOLVED that, under section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the item of business contained in Minute 38/07 below, "Birmingham International Airport – Sale of Shares by Macquarie Airports Group Limited and Aer Rianta International cpt.", on the grounds that that item involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12A of that Act, in particular paragraph 3 of Part I of that Schedule.

37. **Appointment of Director of Finance and Legal Services**

The City Council considered the recommendation of an Appointment Panel held on 16th July, 2007 regarding the above post.

RESOLVED that **Chris West, currently Acting Director of Finance and ICT at Coventry City Council, be appointed to the post of Director of Finance and Legal Services from a date to be agreed.**

38. **Birmingham International Airport – Sale of Shares by Macquarie Airports Group Limited and Aer Rianta International cpt**

The City Council considered a joint report that provided Members with details on the sale of shares held by Macquarie Airports Group Limited and Aer Rianta International cpt. in Birmingham International Airport Holdings Limited.

Current shareholdings in Birmingham International Airport are split between the seven West Midlands District Councils, Macquarie Airports Group Limited, Aer Rianta CPT and an Airport Company Employee Share Trust. In January 2007, the two private sector holders of shares in Birmingham International Airport (Macquarie and Aer Rianta) announced their intention to sell their shares.

RESOLVED:-

- (1) **That the City Council does not exercise its rights of pre-emption in relation to the sale of shares in Birmingham International Airport Holdings Limited and recommend to the West Midlands Joint Committee that the organisation identified in the private report submitted be selected as the district's preferred partner in Birmingham International Airport Holdings Limited.**

- (2) That the City Council notes that the West Midlands District Joint Committee will determine a satisfactory outcome with regard to the Airport's Shareholders' Agreement.**
- (3) That the Chief Executive, the Council's Chief Finance Officer or the City Council's Chief Legal Officer be authorised severally to agree and approve on behalf of the Council any other agreement, deed or any other document which is for the purpose of effecting this transaction.**
- (4) That the City Council authorises the Leader of the Council to vote in accordance with resolutions 1 and 2 above at the meeting of the West Midlands Joint Committee on 25th July, 2007.**

(NOTE: The meeting ended at 4.13 p.m.)