
Report to
Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

8th March, 2006

Report of
Councillor Ken Taylor

Title
Report Back on the Work Of Outside Bodies – Birmingham International Airport Holdings Limited
– Board of Directors

1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 At their meeting on 10th May, 2005, the Cabinet approved a process of reporting back to the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee on the work of those outside bodies appointed to by the City Council. This reports sets out details of the work of Birmingham International Airport Limited – Board of Directors over the preceding twelve months and includes details of attendance by the City Council's representatives at Board meetings.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Council's representative on the Board of Directors must be an elected member and therefore the Council should continue to appoint a member to the Board in line with each of the other 6 West Midlands Districts.

3 Information on Work of Outside Body

- 3.1 Birmingham International Airport is one of the largest in the country, handling 8.8m passengers on 108,000 aircraft movements in 2004/05 and providing direct employment for 7,000 people. As such it makes a significant contribution to the West Midlands region, acting as a catalyst for investment and employment and acting as a gateway for business and tourism.
- 3.2 The Airport has significant development plans in the future including an extension to the existing runway and the building of a second runway and a third passenger terminal.
- 3.3 The Airport Company's constitution provides for a Main Board, a Management Board, a Remuneration Committee and an Audit Committee. Each of the 7 West Midlands districts is a shareholder of the Airport Company and as such they each maintain member representation on the Airport's Main Board.

4 Benefits to the City Council of the Appointment

- 4.1 The Board is responsible for the proper management of the Airport Company, meeting quarterly to formulate, review and approve long term strategy, policies, budgets and trading performance. Membership of the Board enables the City Council, alongside the other districts, to monitor the current performance of the Airport and influence its future direction.

4.2 The City Council maintains a financial stake in the airport and receives a financial return on this investment. Equally as important though, are the planning and development issues that arise as a result of the Airport's operation and expansion, especially given it's relatively close proximity to the City's boundaries. Membership of the Board enables the City Council to maintain a close interest in these matters.

4.3 The recent expansion and future plans of Coventry Airport are clearly of vital concern to the City of Coventry. Maintaining representation on the Birmingham Airport Board clearly gives the City Council access to information that enables us to make informed decisions about our strategy in relation to any involvement in relation to the development of Coventry Airport and the relationship between all interested parties.

5 Attendance Record and Remuneration for the Appointment

5.1 Councillor Taylor is the City Council's representative on the Birmingham International Airport Holdings Limited Board of Directors, he replaced Councillor Arrowsmith at the Annual Meeting in May 2005. In the past twelve months there have been 4 meetings of the Board of Directors, Councillor Taylor has attended 2 (eligible to attend 3) and Councillor Arrowsmith attended 0 (eligible to attend 1).

5.2 There is no remuneration associated with the appointment.

List of background papers

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