
Report to
Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

13 December 2006

Report of
Councillor Ken Taylor

Title
Report Back on the Work Of Outside Bodies – Birmingham International Airport – 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, currently handling nearly 10m passengers per annum 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 In response to the 2003 Air Transport White Paper, the Airport Company published a Draft Master Plan in October 2005. This sets out the proposed strategy for the development of the Airport up to 2030. The proposals included an Extension of the Main Runway by 2012, a Third passenger Terminal and a new Second Runway in 2020. A sixth month consultation period was completed in March 2006 and a final new Master Plan is expected to be published in 2007.
- 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. It is anticipated that the decision on the Public Inquiry into the new passenger terminal for up to 2M passengers per annum, will be announced in early 2007. 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. In the past twelve months there have been 4 meetings of the Board of Directors, of which Councillor Taylor attended 2.

5.2 There is no remuneration associated with the appointment.

List of background papers

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