
Report to

Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

21st November, 2007

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 This reports outlines the work of Birmingham International Airport (BIA) Limited 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 the 6th largest in the country, handling 9.1m passengers on 109,000 aircraft movements in 2006/07 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. These plans will be clarified when the Airport publishes a final Master Plan for the period to 2030. This plan has been delayed by, amongst other things, the decision on the appeal by Coventry Airport concerning their planning application for a new 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. The referencing of this expansion in the BIA 2006/07 Report and Accounts demonstrates the importance of Coventry City Council's involvement in BIA. Maintaining representation on the BIA Board clearly gives the City Council access to information that enables us to make representation to assist the provision of airport capacity in the area to be planned in a mutually supportive way.

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 twelve months from November, 2006 to October, 2007 there have been four meetings of the Board of Directors, of which Councillor Taylor attended three. There was a Shareholders meeting held on the 17th June, which Councillor Taylor did not attend.

5.2 There is no remuneration associated with the appointment.

List of background papers

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