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## \*SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

### Meeting of Transport, Capital, Inward Investment Working Party

**Date: Thursday, 18th February, 2021**

**Place: Virtual Meeting via MS Teams**

**Present:** Councillor R Woodley (Chair)  
Councillors S Wakefield (Vice-Chair), S Ayles, M Borton, K Buck,  
D Cowan, A Moring and A Thompson\*  
(\*Substitute in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 31.)

**In Attendance:** Councillor C Mulroney  
A Lewis, J Williams, T Saunders, K Waters, T Row and E Cook

**Start/End Time:** 6.30 pm - 8.35 pm

#### **1 Apologies and Substitutions**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Collins (substitute: Councillor Thompson).

#### **2 Declarations of Interest**

The following interests were declared at the meeting:

(a) Councillor Ayles – Agenda Item No. 4 (London Southend Airport Monitoring Report – Reporting Year 2019-20) and Agenda Item No. 5 (Current Year Update from London Southend Airport) - Non-pecuniary interest: Lives under the flight path and his partner occasionally trades with the airport;

(b) Councillor Borton – Agenda Item No. 4 (London Southend Airport Monitoring Report – Reporting Year 2019-20) and Agenda Item No. 5 (Current Year Update from London Southend Airport) - Non-pecuniary interest: Niece works at the airport;

(c) Councillor Buck Reporting Year 2019-20) and Agenda Item No. 5 (Current Year Update from London Southend Airport) - Non-pecuniary interest: Lives under the flight path, user of the airport and has been lobbied by residents on issues regarding the airport;

(d) Councillor Cowan – Agenda Item No. 4 (London Southend Airport Monitoring Report – Reporting Year 2019-20) and Agenda Item No. 5 (Current Year Update from London Southend Airport) - Non-pecuniary interest: Lives under the flight path and is a Council appointee to the Airport Consultative Committee;

(e) Councillor Mulroney – Agenda Item No. 4 (London Southend Airport Monitoring Report – Reporting Year 2019-20) and Agenda Item No. 5 (Current Year Update from London Southend Airport) - Non-pecuniary interest: Has been in contact with residents regarding operations at the airport;

(f) Councillor Thompson – Agenda Item No. 4 (London Southend Airport Monitoring Report – Reporting Year 2019-20) and Agenda Item No. 5 (Current Year Update from London Southend Airport) - Non-pecuniary interest: Lives under the flight path and is a member of the Airport Consultative Committee;

(g) Councillor Wakefield – Agenda Item No. 4 (London Southend Airport Monitoring Report – Reporting Year 2019-20) and Agenda Item No. 5 (Current Year Update from London Southend Airport) - Non-pecuniary interest: London Southend Airport is a customer of his and parents live under the flight path; and

(h) Councillor Woodley – Agenda Item No. 4 (London Southend Airport Monitoring Report – Reporting Year 2019-20) and Agenda Item No. 5 (Current Year Update from London Southend Airport) - Non-pecuniary interest: Daughter was a pilot for Easyjet based at Southend Airport during the reporting period.

### **3 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 21st November 2019**

Resolved:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> November be received and noted.

### **4 London Southend Airport Monitoring Report - Reporting Year 2019-20**

The Working Party considered the joint report of the Executive Director (Legal & Democratic Services) and Interim Director of Planning which:

- (a) Detailed the strict controls on operations at London Southend Airport (LSA) contained in the Section 106 Planning Agreements and the leasing arrangements;
- (b) Explained how these controls are monitored; and
- (c) Provided monitoring data for the period 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019 to 29<sup>th</sup> February 2020 to demonstrate how the controls have been complied with. This was prior to the COVID-19 restrictions coming into force.

The Chair welcomed Glyn Jones (Chief Executive of Stobart Aviation) and Jo Marchetti (Corporate Social Responsibility at LSA) to the meeting. Mr Jones provided an overview of the Annual Report of LSA for 2019-20 and both officers answered questions from members of the Working Party.

In response to a question regarding the localities of noise complaints, Ms Marchetti undertook to include this in the next year's annual report if it possible.

Resolved:-

1. That the monitoring data contained in London Southend Airport Annual Report 2019-20 for the 12 month period 1st March 2019 – 29th February 2020 and the Section 106 Agreement Year Summary 2019/2020 which demonstrates general compliance with the obligations contained in the relevant planning agreements and leases, be noted.

2. That the details of complaints received in the 12 month period 1st March 2019 – 29th February 2020 as contained in the Annual Report be noted.

3. That the rest of the contents of the Annual Report and the satisfactory and successful position reported be noted.

4. That the ongoing review of the Section 106 Operational Control Documents referred to in paragraph 3.17 of the submitted report be noted.

## **5 Current Year Update from London Southend Airport (LSA)**

The Working Party received a presentation by Glyn Jones (Chief Executive of Stobart Aviation) which provided an update of the following issues for the airport in the current year:

- The immense effect of the Covid pandemic on the airports activities and an overview of the immediate future for the airport;
- Passenger numbers and aircraft movements;
- Noise and environmental matters;
- Employment at the airport;
- Airport projects; and
- Other airport matters including community engagement.

In response to a questions, Mr Jones undertook to investigate the following matters:

- What can be done to address issues of unburnt hydrocarbons from aircraft flying over residential properties in proximity to the airport such as the Somerset Estate;
- The possible installation of low wattage charging points for electric vehicles left by users of the airport in the medium and long stay car parks;
- The planting of trees in Southend as part of the carbon offset initiative; and
- What types of trees or shrubs could be planted on the land on the approach to the runway.

Resolved:-

1. That the presentation be noted.
2. That Mr Jones be thanked for an interesting and informative presentation.

**Chair:** \_\_\_\_\_

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