

To the Members of the Executive

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the Executive to be held in the Council Chamber, Pippbrook, Dorking on **WEDNESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2014 at 8.00pm or on the rise of the Scrutiny Committee, whichever is the later**, for the transaction of the business set out in the following agenda.

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2014

Angela Griffiths  
Corporate Head of Service

### **Members of the Executive and Portfolios**

**Councillor Chris Townsend** – Leader of the Council

**Councillor James Friend** – Environment

**Councillor Simon Ling** – Finance

**Councillor Vivienne Michael** – Customer Service and Wellbeing

**Councillor John Northcott** – Planning

**Councillor Charles Yarwood** – Communities and Assets

*Members are reminded that they have the opportunity to ask Officers questions, in respect of issues concerning matters of detail or for further clarification, prior to the meeting.*

*A member who is not a member of the Executive, may not speak at the meeting unless, before it begins he/she has obtained the Chairman's consent to speak on a specific item. (Please note prior consent is not required for those members detailed under rule 48.3 of Part 4: Rules of Procedure – Standing Orders that relate to the Executive only).*

## **AGENDA**

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

To receive apologies for absence.

### **2. Disclosure of Interests**

To receive any disclosures of interests from Members (either disclosable pecuniary interests or non-pecuniary interests) in relation to any items included on the agenda for this meeting in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct.

### **3. Report of the Scrutiny Committee**

The Executive will receive a report on the work of the Scrutiny Committee from the Chairman of that Committee.

4.	<p><b>Gatwick Airport – Additional Runway Consultation by Gatwick Airport Ltd</b></p> <p>The Executive is asked to agree that Gatwick Airport Limited be advised that Mole Valley District Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Notes that Option 1 does not fully meet the criteria that the Airports Commission have established for an additional runway at Gatwick Airport and is unlikely to be taken forward by the Commission.</li> <li>(2) Concludes that Options 2 and 3 for a second runway are likely to have similar implications for Mole Valley District.</li> <li>(3) Notes that Gatwick Airport Ltd has concluded that Option 3 provides the best fit against the Airport Commission's criteria is its preferred option and has been the subject of its final submission to the Commission.</li> <li>(4) Recognises that an additional runway as proposed in either Option 2 and Option 3 could stimulate beneficial economic growth in the Gatwick Diamond sub-region, but considers both Options raise the following significant issues for Mole Valley's communities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) A new runway would result in the introduction of new flight paths around the airport which could introduce aircraft noise disturbance to communities previously unaffected. The lack of any information about the location of new flight paths in the consultation document is a regrettable omission which needs to be addressed by the Airports Commission in its appraisal and subsequently when it carries out its consultation later in the year.</li> <li>(b) The introduction of a major aircraft maintenance area, including hangars, in the airport's North West Zone could have a harmful impact on the rural setting and historic character of the village of Charlwood without significant mitigation measures. Gatwick Airport Ltd should include measures to mitigate the visual and acoustic consequences of four new hangars in its final proposals to the Airport Commission and that the costs of such measures taken into account in assessing the overall cost of providing an additional runway at Gatwick.</li> <li>(c) Notwithstanding this concern, the need for the concentration of all the airport's maintenance and cargo facilities in the North West Zone is challenged. Gatwick Airport Ltd is requested to look at the practicalities and environmental benefits to local communities of splitting the maintenance and cargo facilities between the north and south sides of the airport.</li> <li>(d) The omission of detailed information in the consultation document about the ground noise implications of such a significant maintenance area in the airport's north west zone on the amenities of Charlwood is very regrettable. It is considered that Gatwick Airport Ltd should consider this aspect of their proposals as a matter of urgency and provide the evidence of the need or otherwise for a ground run engine testing pen to obviate the need for the continuation of engine testing at holding areas adjacent to the runway. The outcome of this work should be included by Gatwick Airport Ltd in its final submission to the Airports Commission and taken into account by the Commission in its appraisal of Gatwick's preferred option.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	5 - 28
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	<p>(e) The development strategies of the local planning authorities around the airport are based on its operation as a single runway, two terminal airport. An additional runway would require a substantial revision of existing strategies and could result in pressure to accommodate some of the additional development arising from a second runway on open countryside around Charlwood and Hookwood which is currently in the Green Belt.</p> <p>(f) Gatwick Airport Limited's forecasts of additional jobs and homes that would be required to support an additional runway appear to have been revised upwards since the publication of the Consultation Document. It is recommended that GAL should provide a clear explanation of its latest forecasts and the evidence behind them</p> <p>(g) The catalytic employment that could result from the development of an additional runway needs addressing together with evidence of the implications on the economies of areas around the airport of not developing a second runway at Gatwick.</p> <p>(h) The consultation fails to provide any concrete proposals to deal with the additional surface traffic generated by an additional runway over and above what is already committed in existing plans and proposals.</p> <p>(i) Resilient, sustainable measures to reduce the anticipated increase in vehicle movements on the rural road network between the A25 and the airport/Crawley must be agreed with the Surrey County Council.</p> <p>(j) The consultation document indicates that Lowfield Heath Road will be closed. However, there does not appear to be any evidence behind Gatwick Airport Limited's assertion that there would be no increase in vehicular traffic in Charlwood as a result of this closure. There is also a lack of clarity as to how Gatwick Airport Ltd. would deliver their priority to prevent an increase of traffic in Charlwood.</p> <p>(k) An assurance should be given that the existing restrictions on the use of the vehicle access off the Old Brighton Road will remain in place in the event of an additional runway.</p> <p><b>Executive Member:</b> Councillor John Northcott</p> <p><b>Corporate Priorities:</b> Environment</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p><b>Housing and Traveller Sites Plan – Additional Sites</b></p> <p>The Executive is asked to agree:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) to the publication of the Housing and Traveller Sites Plan – Additional Sites Supplementary Consultation Document, for a 6 week period from 9<sup>th</sup> June to 21<sup>st</sup> July 2014.</li> <li>(2) to consultation on a potential minor change to the Green Belt boundary at 46 Epsom Road and 4-6 Quarry Gardens, Ashted, also for a 6 week period from 9<sup>th</sup> June to 21<sup>st</sup> July 2014.</li> <li>(3) that authority is delegated to the Chief Executive Officer in consultation with the Planning Portfolio Holder to make minor editorial and other changes to the documents prior to its publication.</li> </ol>	<p>29 - 115</p>

	<b>Executive Member:</b> Councillor John Northcott <b>Corporate Priorities:</b> Access to Services, Environment	
6.	<b>Urgent Items</b> To consider any items of business, other than those shown on this agenda and which, by reason of special circumstances to be stated at the meeting, in the opinion of the Chairman, should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency.	-

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