

AIRPORT POLICY TASK GROUP held at COUNCIL OFFICES LONDON ROAD SAFFRON WALDEN at 2.30 pm on 12 JANUARY 2007

Present:- Councillor A Dean – Chairman.
Councillors C A Cant, J F Cheetham, M A Gayler, A R Thawley and P A Wilcock.

Officers in attendance:- A Bovaird, R Auty, R Harborough, J Mitchell, M J Perry, M T Purkiss and T Turner.

AP18 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor E J Godwin.

AP19 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15 December 2006 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

AP20 BUSINESS ARISING

In answer to a question from Councillor Cheetham, Roger Harborough said that the consultation regarding the supply of airport services by BAA would expire on 8 February 2007. He undertook to ascertain whether SASIG intended to make comments on this issue.

AP21 LOBBYING STRATEGY

Alastair Bovaird gave a detailed presentation on a suggested lobbying strategy which included:

- A vision for 2021
- Strategic objectives
- Tactical objectives
- Key messages
- Actions

The Group agreed that the strategy was a good way forward and officers would pursue these matters further.

AP22 PUBLICITY ARRANGEMENTS FOR INQUIRY

John Mitchell outlined the publicity arrangements for the forthcoming public inquiry. He said that all those who had made representations would be written to, updates would be included on Stansted Explained and notices would be placed in the local press. He said that once the arrangements for the Inquiry were known the statutory procedure for publicity would be followed. The Group asked that Councillors who had made verbal representations at the Development Control meetings, but did not make a written representation,

should be advised that they need to make a written submission if they wish to be represented at the Inquiry.

AP23 PROPOSED CONFERENCE ON AVIATION

Michael Perry reported on Counsel's advice regarding a proposed conference on aviation. It was agreed that he would clarify with Counsel that the intended subject matter of the proposed conference was not aviation in general, nor the current planning application, but the specific issue of aviation emissions cost analysis. Further advice on the issue would be sought and the proposal would be progressed in accordance with that advice.

AP24 EAST OF ENGLAND PLAN

John Mitchell circulated reports on the East of England Plan, the Barker Review, the ATWP Review and recent changes in planning policy.

It was also noted that a Member Workshop on the East of England Plan would be held on 5 February 2007.

AP25 RELATIONSHIP WITH SSE

The Group agreed that it would be useful to continue a dialogue with SSE and officers would ascertain whether representatives would wish to attend part of the next meeting on 9 February 2007.

AP26 MARSEILLES AIRPORT

Councillor Wilcock circulated a report concerning the low cost terminal which had been constructed at Marseilles Airport and referred to the issue of market segmentation.

AP27 COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

Peter Hayward and Gill Kirk, the communications' consultants, updated the Group on progress with communications. They encouraged Members to update their blogs and suggested that it might be appropriate for further web casts and pod casts to be included on Stansted Explained.

AP28 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be held on 9 February 2007 at 9.00 am in the Committee Room at Saffron Walden.

The meeting ended at 4.20 pm.