

Stansted G2 Informal Inter Authority Member Liaison Group

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Title: **Stansted G2 Informal Inter Authority
Member Liaison Group**

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Item for
decision?

Summary

This report advises the Committee of the joint working arrangements that are being set up to resource the G2 Planning Inquiry. The Committee is recommended to agree the arrangements. The full Terms of Reference are appended.

Recommendations

That the Terms of Reference be approved

Background Papers

None

Impact

Communication/Consultation	
Community Safety	
Equalities	
Finance	The Council has made provision in its budget for 2008/09 for a £250K contribution to joint funding.
Human Rights	
Legal implications	The Joint Panel will not fetter the Council's ability to form its own view on the G2 proposals, or individually to put its case in respect of a particular element of the proposals.
Sustainability	

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Ward-specific impacts	
Workforce/Workplace	The joint working arrangement is essential to assemble the necessary resources to address the significant multiple aspects to the G2 proposals

Situation

- 1 Discussions between the respective authorities have concluded. The Terms of Reference are now ready for endorsement. The principal matters to covered are as follows:

1. Purpose

- 1. To provide a forum to discuss and, where appropriate, develop a shared view on planning issues of common concern relating to the Air Transport White Paper's policy for Stansted Airport and BAA's G2 proposals
 2. To consult the member authorities on joint work programmes
 3. To coordinate the representation of the authorities at any planning inquiry.
- The Group will not be a formal decision making-body and will not fetter the decision making processes of individual authorities. If individual authorities come to a different view from any collective position they will ensure that all the other authorities are duly notified.
- Joint work will cover those areas where all the member authorities agree with the proposed activity. Essex County Council will act as the accountable body for commissioning work and it will make the final decision as to the procurement of work on behalf of the member authorities. If agreement cannot be reached, then an authority may progress that work independently if it is prepared to fund all the related costs.
- The Group does not constitute a joint committee of the authorities.
- The purpose of the Group, and whether it has a continuing role, will be reviewed following the close of the G2 inquiry, which may be up to the end of 2010.

2. Membership

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- Essex County Council
- Hertfordshire County Council
- East Hertfordshire District Council and

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- Uttlesford District Council.
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- By agreement of these four councils, membership (or associate membership) may be extended to include other local authorities that commit to fund joint work programmes and to support the Panel's objectives.
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- Each authority shall appoint 2 Members to the Group with at least one representative to be at senior Member level e.g. Leader, Portfolio Holder, or Committee Chairman. Additional members can attend each meeting.
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- **3. Officer support**
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- Individual authorities will be expected to provide officer support to the Group and briefings for their own members. Essex County Council will nominate a lead officer to manage the joint work programme.
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- **4. Work programme**
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- The Panel will be asked to consider:
 - Counsel's advice
 - Appointment of consultants
 - Priorities for expenditure
 - Working arrangements with third parties including Stop Stansted Expansion.

5. Budget

The authorities will pool expenditure on joint work programmes.

Risk Analysis

Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
Consensus cannot be reached between the participating authorities	1 Close communication between the authorities will build on our existing consensus	2 The areas where consensus might not be reached are unlikely to be key issues	Each authority will have the opportunity to commission its own additional work