

Committee: Stansted Airport Advisory Panel**Agenda Item****Date:** 25 March 2008**6****Title:** **G2 Joint Panel****Author:** **Roger Harborough, Head of Planning and Housing Strategy (01799 510457)****Summary**

This report advises the Panel of the joint working arrangements that are being set up to resource the G2 Planning Inquiry. The Development Control Committee will be recommended to agree the arrangements

Recommendations

None

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	
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 The Terms of Reference are currently being finalised. 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 formulate joint work programmes
3. To coordinate the representation of the authorities at any planning inquiry.

The Panel 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.

The purpose of the Panel, 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

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

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.

Each authority shall appoint 2 Members to the Panel 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.

3. Officer support

Individual authorities will be expected to provide officer support to the Panel and briefings for their own members. It is anticipated that one authority will nominate an officer to act as a manager to the joint work programme with responsibility for budget etc, and that the nomination will be agreed by the Panel.

4. Work programme

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