

Amendment to Member Motion: Stansted Airport Appeal

Extraordinary Council Meeting: Thursday, 7 January 2021

To be proposed by Councillor Evans and seconded by Councillor Merifield.

Additional wording in bold, deletions struck through:

**As all Members will be aware, it is unconstitutional for Members to direct officers on legal matters, including upon planning appeals. However it is agreed that it is vital that Members are able to question Council officers and their representatives fully about the Stansted Airport planning appeal process.**

~~On the eve of the largest Defence of a Planning Appeal relating to Stansted Airport that this Council has faced in more than a decade,~~ Council **therefore** calls for a full debate, **by way of a further member briefing, allowing for additional full and democratic questioning concerning the appeal process, to take place immediately on conclusion of this council meeting. The briefing shall relate to** ~~in which all members of the Executive explain the current status and process that has been followed since January, 2020 by the Council's Defence Team~~ **since January 2020 in order that members and officers may engage collectively and fully to further the understanding of all members.**

The objectives of such ~~explanation~~ **a briefing** would be to satisfy the Council of the soundness ~~objectivity~~ and objectives of the process to date and henceforth intended.

Furthermore, Council ~~resolves to set up as soon as possible~~ **calls on the Scrutiny Committee, at the appropriate time, to consider whether there is a need to initiate** a Member-led ~~initiative~~ **review and, if so,** to engage with the Planning Advisory Service (PAS) or similar body to audit and scrutinise the process ~~applied since 2018~~ **which commenced under the previous Administration in 2018.**