

# minutes



Meeting CROSS SERVICE AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SELECT COMMITTEE

Date Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> March 2005 (commencing at 2.00 pm)

## Membership

Persons absent are marked with `A`

## COUNCILLORS

Councillor E Llewellyn-Jones (Chair)  
Councillor M Brandon-Bravo OBE (Vice-Chairman)

A	Mrs Sue Bennett	A	Joe Lonergan MBE
A	Joyce Bosnjak JP	A	J T A Napier
	S Carroll	A	D E Pulk
A	V H Dobson	A	Mrs S Smedley
A	Andy Freeman	A	M Suthers OBE

## MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting on 26th January 2005, having been circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

## MATTERS ARISING

### CONSULTATION ON NOTTINGHAM EAST MIDLANDS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FLIGHT PATHS

It was reported that a letter had been received from the Director of Environment responding to the concerns about the consultation on Nottingham East Midlands International Airport flight paths. Copies of the response had been circulated to Members. Concern was expressed that there was no process for determining who should be involved in the consultation process within the Authority. Members were also unhappy that the local Members had not been consulted.

It was agreed that the Chair would respond to the letter from the Director of Environment.

## **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors V H Dobson, T A Napier, S Smedley, and M Suthers.

## **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS**

None.

## **PROPOSED TIMETABLE FOR COMPLETION OF THE STUDIES CARRIED OUT BY THE CROSS SERVICE AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SELECT COMMITTEE**

Lynn Senior, the Head of Scrutiny, gave presentations to the Select Committee which summarised the evidence gathered on the study of regional government and the study of the Robin Hood Airport Doncaster/Sheffield.

With regard to the study of regional government, Councillor Brandon-Bravo stated that it seemed the unanimous view of Members that the current arrangements were complicated, involved duplication, and that there was a lack of democratic control. Councillor Sue Bennett agreed and felt that there was a need for the Authority's views to go to Central Government and other Local Authorities.

With regard to the Airport Study, Councillor Sue Bennett felt that Experience Nottinghamshire had not had as much impact as she would like on Nottinghamshire. She felt there was a need to support and encourage the infrastructure as without facilities tourists would not be attracted. She felt that the work that North Notts College were doing was excellent.

It was felt that there was a need to recommend that improvements needed to be carried out to the road network. Councillor Llewellyn-Jones thought that the Robin Hood Line could be extended to the Airport. He added that the army were moving out of Welbeck and that perhaps this could become a high-class hotel. He thought there was a need to get Experience Nottinghamshire to be more pro-active than their Business Plan allowed.

It was reported that there was an Airport Consultative Committee and that the Authority had been requested to appoint a Member to this. A report was to go to the next Administration Committee.

It was agreed that meetings of the Study Group be held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2005, the Regional Government Study Group at 11 am, followed by the Robin Hood Airport Study Group at 12 noon. The Study Group meetings would firm up the recommendations for the final reports which would be presented to the next meeting of the Select Committee.

The meeting closed at 3.15 pm

## **CHAIR**

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