

Report to Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Date of meeting: 29 October 2018



Subject: Stansted Airport - Scrutiny of External Organisation

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Recommendations/Decisions Required:

That the Committee undertake appropriate external scrutiny of Manchester Airport Group, with regard to the provision of airport services and employment opportunities for residents of the Epping Forest District at Stansted Airport.

1. As the Committee will recall, Members have expressed a desire to undertake external scrutiny of Manchester Airport Group, with regard to its provision of local airport services across Essex and south east England, including to residents and visitors of the Epping Forest District. This external scrutiny activity is included in the work programme for the Committee for 2018/19.
2. Alistair Andrew (Planning Manager) and Marcella M'Raberty (Corporate Social Responsibility Manager) of Manchester Airport Group will be attending the meeting in this regard.
3. The following specific issues relating to the provision of services at Stansted Airport were identified by the Committee at its meeting on 24 July 2018, which have been notified to Manchester Airport Group as the emphasis for such external scrutiny, in order to ensure that maximum value can be derived from this scrutiny activity:
 - (a) the planned expansion of the airport and associated infrastructure requirements;
 - (b) future capacity and infrastructure requirements arising from likely significant housing development across Essex and the south east;
 - (c) the handling of increased passenger numbers in the short-term;
 - (d) the provision of employment opportunities for local residents;
 - (e) opportunities for partnership working with local further education facilities (particularly Epping Forest College);
 - (f) improvements to the existing railway infrastructure serving the airport; and
 - (g) the apparent high cost of the taxi services at the airport, compared with other local private hire services.
4. The identification of additional lines of questioning to be raised with Manchester Airport Group has been sought from members through the Council Bulletin.

Resource Implications:

The recommendations of this report seek to enable scrutiny activity to more effectively meet work programme requirements.

Legal and Governance Implications:

The Council's constitution sets out rules for the management of its overview and scrutiny responsibilities. Although external organisations are not generally required by legislation to attend before the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, it is hoped that most would be willing to engage constructively with the Council's scrutiny activity when invited to do so.

Safer, Cleaner, Greener Implications:

There are no implications arising from the recommendations of this report in respect of the Council's commitment to the Climate Local Agreement, the corporate Safer, Cleaner, Greener initiative, or any crime and disorder issues within the district.

Consultation Undertaken:

External scrutiny of Stansted Airport is included in the work programme for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for 2018/19.

Background Papers:

None.

Impact Assessments:***Risk Management***

The Council's constitution sets out rules for the management of its overview and scrutiny responsibilities.

Equality:

There are no equality implications arising from the recommendations of this report.