

REPORT TO PICKMERE PARISH COUNCIL

4th December 2018

AGENDA ITEM 9.6 Reconsideration of s106 Agreement relating to Manchester Airport

1. Background

- 1.1 CEC have notified the PC that it is undertaking a review of the s106 Agreement that relates to Manchester Airport. The relevant email states as follows:

Dear Town or Parish Council Clerk

RE: Review of s106 legal agreement with Manchester Airport

I am writing to inform you that Cheshire East Council is currently undertaking a review of the s106 legal agreement in relation to Manchester Airport.

*You may recall that planning permission for the airport's second runway was granted by the Secretary of State in 1997 and it has been in operation since 2001. The permission was subject to a set of planning conditions and there was also a legal agreement (S106) that placed certain obligations on the Airport. The obligations covered matters such as **noise control, environmental works, highway improvements and public transport**. At the time the legal agreement was completed it was intended that the obligations would be reviewed in the future.*

Due to the passage of time, it is apparent that a number of the obligations are no longer relevant, have been achieved and are no longer required, but there are others that may require updating to better reflect current legislation and best practice. Although ultimately the outcome of this review will be considered by the Strategic Planning Board (SPB), officers from relevant service areas across the Place Directorate have started by reviewing the wording of the existing Agreement and considering what changes are needed.

I am contacting your Council because it has been previously involved with the Airport briefings etc. but as I am not sure what level of interest your Council may have in contributing to this review, I want to ensure that you are given the opportunity to comment.

Rather than send you a copy of the full legal agreement, I have attached a copy of its provisions in tabular form, which should make it easier to review with your members. You will see that there is a column provided in the table for you to input any comments that your council wants to make. You do not have to use this table but it would help me if you do as then the comments would be clearly aligned against the appropriate obligation. Your comments could be either observations on the issues, examples of experiences by your local residents or a suggested rewording of the obligation itself.

Please let me have your comments, if any, by the end of December 2018 and I will then review them in the new year. My intention is to use the replies to inform the negotiations with the airport.

I am also intending to host a meeting where representatives of the town and parish councils can attend to have a wider discussion about the issues raised. I appreciate that not all councils will want to attend so, when responding, please also let me know if a couple of representatives from your council would like to be included in this meeting. The meeting is intended to take place in January and once I have an idea of the numbers involved I will arrange a date and venue. I will contact you with any further information in due course.

- 1.2 A copy of the obligations contained in the current s106 Agreement is also circulated with these papers.
- 1.3 Two places have for the moment been requested for the meeting proposed by CEC to discuss this matter in the New Year.

2 Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Council considers whether it wishes to comment on the existing schedule of planning obligations, and whether it wishes to be represented at the meeting with CEC in the New Year to discuss this matter.