

Subject: Proposed Correspondence in relation to London City Airport's Consultation on the London Airspace Management Programme

Report to: London Assembly (Mayor's Question Time)

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 19 November 2014

This report will be considered in public

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report seeks the Assembly's agreement to letters to the Secretary of State for Transport and the Civil Aviation Authority setting out concerns about London City Airport's consultation on the London Airspace Management Programme.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **That the Assembly agrees the letters to the Secretary of State for Transport and the Civil Aviation Authority, attached at Appendices 1 and 2, setting out concerns about London City Airport's consultation on the London Airspace Management Programme.**

3. Background

- 3.1 London City Airport has launched a consultation on the London Airspace Management Programme. The consultation relates to changes to arrival and departure routes up to around 4,000 feet, arising from likely legislation governing the use of satellite navigation and ground-based technology. The closing date for the consultation is 27 November 2014.¹
- 3.2 The stakeholders which have been included in the consultation are members of the Airport Consultative Committee (including local authorities and community representatives), airlines and members of the National Air Traffic Management Advisory Committee. The full list of consultees has been published by London City Airport in the appendices to the consultation.²

¹ <http://www.londoncityairport.com/content/pdf/LCY-LAMP-Consultation-Document.pdf>

² <http://www.londoncityairport.com/content/pdf/LCY-LAMP-Consultation-Document-Appendices.pdf>

4. Issues for Consideration

- 4.1 The Assembly's Environment and Transport Committees have previously submitted to London City Airport a joint response to the London Airspace Management Programme consultation, attached at **Appendix 3**, which expressed concern about the potential concentration of flight paths and the adverse impact of aviation noise, and additionally urged the London City Airport to address shortcomings in the consultation process and undertake further stakeholder engagement.
- 4.2 Further to feedback received at the GLA's People's Question Time in Walthamstow on 11 November 2014, which indicated a continued lack of awareness of the proposals amongst local residents who will be affected, it is now proposed to write to the Secretary of State for Transport and the Civil Aviation Authority to call on them to ensure that the consultation is re-run, making certain that the people who will be affected are fully involved.
- 4.3 The proposed letters to the Secretary of State for Transport and the Civil Aviation Authority are attached at **Appendices 1 and 2** respectively for the Assembly's consideration and approval.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 The Assembly has the power to do what is recommended in the report.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1 There are no direct financial implications to the GLA arising from this report.

List of appendices to this report:

Appendix 1: Draft letter to the Secretary of State for Transport

Appendix 2: Draft letter to the Civil Aviation Authority

Appendix 3: The Assembly's Environment and Transport Committees' joint response to the consultation on London City Airport London Airspace Management Programme

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985
List of Background Papers: None
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