

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**25<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2015**

**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN REPLY FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**

**1. From Cllr Tony Owen to the Portfolio Holder for Resources**

If Biggin Hill Airport is granted the additional operating hours requested, what additional income is the London Borough of Bromley GUARANTEED, in each of the first 5 years, that can be attributed DIRECTLY to the changed hours?

**Reply:**

It is premature to speculate. The lease sets out the income the Council can receive.

**2. From Cllr Tony Owen to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal & Recreation**

Of the many benefits claimed by Biggin Hill Airport to result if extended operating hours are granted, please list those that are GUARANTEED. In each case what evidence is there that extended hours are ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY for the benefits to occur?

**Reply:**

Subject to Members' decision this evening, what is guaranteed is the NAP and everything that flows from it. It is clear that if the Council decides not to agree to the extended hours, the NAP will not come into force.

**3. From Cllr Tony Owen to the Portfolio Holder for Resources**

If Biggin Hill airport were sold for housing what capital receipt might the council expect? What would be the likely ongoing annual council tax receipt?

**Reply:**

The Airport is subject to a 125 year lease (commencing 7<sup>th</sup> May 1994) to BHAL. The only permitted use under the lease is "... an airport providing facilities for business aviation flight training and private flying and other airport and aviation-related uses ... etc".

**4. From Cllr Nicholas Bennett to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal and Recreation**

How many people were employed at Biggin Hill Airport and associated sites in;

2000  
2005  
2010

and at the latest available date?

**Reply:**

Approximate employment figures as follows:

2000	980
2005	1,115
2010	1,000
2015	980

**5. From Cllr Nicholas Bennett to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal and Recreation**

What estimates for future employment at Biggin Hill airport and associated sites have been made by BHAL and the Council if the lease is amended as requested by BHAL?

**Reply:**

Employment forecasts are as per the report by leading planning consultant Nathaniel Lichfield and Partners and as reviewed by the Council's consultant URS/DTZ. NLP forecast 2,300 new jobs likely to be created over 15 years with £230 million a year of GVA into the local economy by 2030. URS/DTZ conclude that this lies within a reasonable band of assumptions.

**6. From Cllr Nicholas Bennett to the Portfolio Holder for Resources**

What was the income from National Non Domestic Rate for Biggin Hill Airport and associated sites in:

2000-1  
2005-6  
2010-11

and for the current financial year?

**Reply:**

Please find detailed below NNDR liability for properties in the post code vicinity of Biggin Hill airport

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Charges</b>
2000/2001	£410,900.98
2005/2006	£800,907.42
2010/2011	£965,058.38
2015/2016	£1,536,822.20