EXECUTIVE, RESOURCES & CONTRACTS POLICY DEVELOPMENT & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED FOR WRITTEN REPLY BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE, RESOURCES AND CONTRACTS PDS COMMITTEE

1. Question from Mr Tony Trinick – Flightpath Watch Ltd.

It is noted that the noise reduction measures proposed in the NAP Report are reviewed by the BHACC going forward, and this committee does not permit access to the public for scrutiny. Will this scrutiny issue, and this Executive Report be tabled and discussed by the Council Officers at the BHACC?

Reply:

The airport do report progress on noise reduction measures to the Biggin Hill Airport Consultative Committee, with the minutes from these meetings being publicly available and a commitment made at the last meeting to also publish reports that have been presented to this committee alongside the minutes going forward.

The Airport Consultative Committee can be a useful forum to examine progress on noise reduction measures, with the Council and residents' associations being present on this committee and able to provide feedback. The Portfolio Holder for Resources, Commissioning and Contract Management recently sought to extend the membership of ward councillors under the flightpath on this committee, which would have provided additional representation and was not accepted.

The Airport Consultative Committee however is not a Council committee and the Council will make its own assessment of the airport's progress on these measures, including considering feedback from other residents and groups outside of this committee.