

## Member Information Service

### Decision Made By an Individual Cabinet Member

None.

### Committee Meetings

Please note that all meetings start at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber, unless otherwise stated.

30th May – Cabinet Grants Panel @ 4.00 p.m.  
3rd June – Cabinet @ 4.00 p.m.  
4th June – Scrutiny Committee for Planning and Economic Development.  
12th June – Scrutiny Committee for Leisure and Community.  
18th June – Liquor Licensing Hearing @ 10.00 a.m.  
18th June – Standards Committee.  
19th June – Council.  
25th June – Audit Committee.  
26th June – Licensing Committee.

### PLANNING COMMITTEES

South West Area Planning Committee – 30th May.  
District Planning Committee - 13th June @ 2.00 p.m.  
North East Area Planning Committee – 20th June.  
South West Area Planning Committee - 27th June.

### Agenda Items

#### Cabinet – 3rd June 2013

To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 8th April 2013.

Outturn 2012/13.

Designated Persons to Deal With Tenant Complaints.

Grant of Lease to Lindfield Cricket Club.

#### Scrutiny Committee for Planning and Economic Development – 4th June 2013

To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Scrutiny Committee held on:-

- a) 5th March 2013; and
- b) 8th May 2013.

Community Infrastructure Levy: Draft Charging Schedule.

Scrutiny Committee For Planning and Economic Development Work Programme.

## Member Training

Please note the timetable for Member Development for 2013/14. Details for individual sessions will follow.

**PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO THE TIMETABLE:-**

The Planning and CIL Update on 21st May 2013 was cancelled. These sessions have been rescheduled and the details are below:

Date and Time	Training Event
4th June 2013 @ 6:00pm	CIL Update- <b><u>Room 1 Haywards Heath Town Hall</u></b>
11th June 2013 @ 6:30pm	Planning and Members' Code of Conduct
9th July 2013 @ 6:30pm	Scrutiny Process and Skills and Procedure Rules
1st October 2013 @ 6:30pm	Licensing
26th November 2013 @ 6:30pm	Local Government Finance
4th February 2014 @ 6:30pm	Anti Social Behaviour: New Powers and Tools
11th March 2014 @ 6:30 p.m.	tbc

**PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF TIME AND VENUE FOR THE CIL UPDATE TRAINING: -**

**6:00 p.m. in Room 1, Haywards Heath Town Hall.**

The CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) Update is a refresher session, covering the basis for a Levy and an update on the most recent advice in advance of formal consideration of a proposed submission Charging Schedule at the Scrutiny Committee for Planning and Economic Development on 4th June 2013.

The Planning and Code of Conduct training session on 11th June will be divided into two sections. The first section will cover Planning, and will include updates on learning points from appeal decisions, the status of planning policy, the five year land supply position, new routes to amendment of existing section 106 agreements, and call in procedures. The second section will cover the issue of pre-determination and the Members' Code of Conduct.

For further details on any of the above training sessions please contact Emma Balmforth on 01444 477225 or e-mail [emma.balmforth@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:emma.balmforth@midsussex.gov.uk).

## Information and News

None.

## Representatives on Outside Bodies

### GATWICK AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

This report is to brief Councillors of the ongoing work of the Gatwick Airport Consultative committee on which I am the Council's representative. The Committee met on the 18th October 2012, when the committee received a number of reports about airport related matters, including several that were important and other

for information and noting. The following were the principal items discussed at the meeting.

#### **AIRPORT COMMENTARY**

Stewart Wingate's commentary on activity and performance of Gatwick over the previous quarter was received. GAL continued to discuss with the CAA and airlines how its proposed contracts and commitments framework could work if it was decided that Gatwick should no longer be regulated for economic purposes. The CAA was due to consult on its proposals at the end of April 2013.

GAL continues to discuss with the DfT and train operators Gatwick's aspirations for the Thameslink franchise particularly in respect of the Gatwick Express.

Following previous requests by members, GAL confirmed that it would in future separate out general enquiries from the noise complaints figures.

#### **SIR ROY MCNULTY, CHAIRMAN, GAL**

GATCOM welcomed Sir Roy McNulty, GAL's new Chairman. Sir Roy outlined his views on the current and future operation of and investment at Gatwick. He highlighted that:

- Over the past couple of years GAL's investment had radically improved services and facilities for passengers and business partners at the airport. He supported the continued capital investment and the proposals contained in the Business Plan that was launched in February 2013.
- He acknowledged the effectiveness and work of GATCOM and the mutual respect the various interests had for others' views. He was committed to continuing GAL's support to the work of the Committee.
- GAL was fully participating in the work of the Airports Commission. He confirmed that when GIP became owners of Gatwick that the company was not interested in building a second runway. However the Coalition Government views concerning runway capacity in the UK had changed and competition between London airports had significantly changed. GAL therefore needed to participate in the consideration of the work which the Airports Commission has been asked to undertake.
- Securing improvements to the rail network and services was crucial for the future sustainable growth of Gatwick. He confirmed that GAL was rigorously seeking improvements to the Gatwick Express service which had deteriorated under the current franchise agreement. The Thameslink "super" franchise provided a unique opportunity to seek improvements to a number of services, especially the Gatwick Express. GAL hoped that GATCOM and the wider community would continue to work and campaign with GAL to secure future rail improvements.
- GAL had put forward a contracts and commitments proposal to replace the current economic regulation regime. Reference was made to the article in the Telegraph concerning the CAA's current views. The CAA's consultation was expected to be published on 30 April.

#### **AVIATION POLICY FRAMEWORK**

Tim May, DfT, gave an overview of the Government's Aviation Policy Framework presentation slides. He confirmed that the APF had replaced the 2003 Air Transport White Paper but the new framework did not address the issue of future airport capacity. The Airports Commission had been asked to look at the future of the UK's airport capacity and connectivity issues and the APF set the parameters within which the Airports Commission will work.

Key messages of interest to GATCOM were:

- The desire to strengthen the role of Airport Consultative Committees (ACCs) within their existing remit has been confirmed. The DfT will undertake a review of the guidelines for ACCs later this year. The need for flexibility and the guidelines to be non-prescriptive is recognised and the APF states that there is no intention to upset the current good working arrangements in place. The effectiveness of GATCOM was highlighted as an example of best practice.
- Recognition of the importance of good surface access links to airports and the need to integrate airports in the wider transport network
- The DfT is to produce guidance to the CAA in order to ensure that sufficient weight is given to the management and mitigation of noise and other environmental effects of air traffic management changes
- The desire to ensure that the benefits of future growth are shared with the industry working with local communities to tackle noise and other environmental issues
- There was currently no appetite to change the noise designation of the three London airports. The DfT would therefore continue to set noise controls at Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted
- The complexity of noise metrics is acknowledged. The APF gives flexibility to airports to develop their own local metrics to achieve lower levels of disturbance.
- The DfT's Aircraft Noise Management Advisory Committee will review departure and arrivals practices at the three London airports to see if they are still fit for purpose
- The CAA would not now be given any further new statutory role.

GATCOM highlighted that the APF did not address the issue of disturbance related to the frequency of overflight. If future benefits of growth are to be shared the issue of disturbance caused by frequency of overflight needed to be researched and understood. GATCOM again highlighted the need for a study into the causes of annoyance.

The Government's demand forecasts were questioned. It was confirmed that the Airports Commission had undertaken its own consultation on demand forecasts.

## **THE CAPACITY AND CONNECTIVITY DEBATE**

Oliver Mulvey, Airports Commission Secretariat outlined the work and programme for the Airports Commission (copy of presentation slides are available on GATCOM's website [click here](#) to see).

Mr Mulvey confirmed that:

- The Commission was looking at options for maintaining the UK's status as a global hub. This meant that the whole of the UK was being examined as well as the constraints in London and the South East. Phase 1 of the Commission's work was the preparation of the Interim report to be published at the end of 2013. Phase 2 of the Commission's work was the preparation of the final report to be published by summer 2015.
- A number of discussion papers seeking stakeholder views had already been/were to be published. These consultations were open to all to comment upon.
- The deadline for submitting long term options is 19 July. The Commission will make public the long term option proposals they receive. No decision had yet been made on the timescales or publication of the option proposals for stakeholder consultation. GATCOM emphasised the need to allow sufficient time for others to examine and comment on the submissions prior to the Commission deciding on which options should be included in its Interim Report to be taken forward to Phase 2 of the Commission's work and suggested that they be published as soon as possible.
- It was highlighted that increases in capacity will have a significant impact on the surrounding regions/communities in terms of supporting infrastructure (housing, hospitals, transport etc.) as well as environmental, economic and social impacts which needed to be thoroughly examined and consulted upon. Mr Mulvey confirmed that Phase 2 of the Commission's work (preparation of the Commission's final report) would look at all the impacts in greater detail.

Kyran Hanks, Strategy and Regulation Director, GAL reported on the submissions that GAL had already made to the Commission

GAL's next submission would be on 17 May when it would submit its proposals for short and medium term options. The key focus for that submission would include road and rail access improvements, competition, GAL desire to achieve 55 aircraft movements per hour from the single runway, the need to review international and bi-lateral air services agreements, connecting short haul and long haul networks, slot reform, airspace review and the continuation of the current night flights limits.

GAL will report regularly to GATCOM on its work as it progresses.

## **DFT CONSULTATION – NIGHT FLYING RESTRICTIONS AT HEATHROW, GATWICK AND STANSTED AIRPORTS**

GATCOM considered the Independent's technical adviser's suggested draft response to the DfT stage 1 consultation on night flying restrictions. The draft response was agreed subject to minor revisions being made to the answers to questions 27, 31, 39 and 70 to reflect the views of airline representatives. GATCOM response has been submitted and is available on GATCOM's website at:

<http://www.ukaccs.info/gatwick/NFR%20Stage%201%20response%20final.pdf>

## **LOCAL PROCUREMENT**

Liz Townsend, Head of Procurement, GAL gave an overview of the company's approach to local procurement. GATCOM was encouraged to note that the percentage of locally procured goods and services had increased over the past year and hoped that this could continue. A further update would be given in a year's time.

## **NIGHT NOISE ARRIVALS RESPITE**

Tom Denton, Head of Corporate Responsibility, GAL outlined the intention to formulate a short trial to provide respite to reduce the impact of night noise from arriving flights. The respite trial will focus on removing over flight (below 6000 feet) from pre-agreed noise impacted areas on a pre-agreed date/time basis, during summer 2013, through a consultative approach with members of GATCOM and NATMAG.

GAL wishes to draw on GATCOM members' knowledge of affected areas to help input to the development of a trial. A consultation pack was issued to members which contains a feedback form to comment on all aspects of the proposed trial. Members agreed that the deadline for responses to GAL was **31 May 2013**. Members are asked to discuss the proposals internally with their organisation and to feed views back to GAL direct using the email address given in the document

## **FLIGHT PERFORMANCE TEAM (FPT) REPORT**

GAL's quarterly report covering the period October to December 2012 was considered. It was noted that the runway resurfacing works had impacted negatively on the key performance indicators over the past few months due to main runway maintenance works. Performance had however improved following the completion of the main runway works.

There had been no noise infringements over the last quarter and no night noise quota dispensations had been granted to QC16, QC8 or QC4 category aircraft (the noisier aircraft).

Gatwick had received a number of requests for the siting of mobile noise monitors, including Slinfold and Dormansland parishes.

GAL had successfully migrated to a new web flight tracker operating system, "Casper", which only had a 20 minutes delay on real time movements.

## **NOISE AND TRACK MONITORING ADVISORY GROUP (NATMAG)**

It had been agreed that a mobile noise monitor would be sited at Dormansland to monitor noise levels in relation to the implementation of P-RNAV on the departure route in that area.

GATCOM was pleased to note that the ground noise quarterly report showed positive trends in all recorded performance. In particular, it was noted that there had been a reduction in APU usage and zero non-compliant operations despite an increase in the scale and frequency of airfield inspections.

## **PASSENGER ADVISORY GROUP (PAG)**

PAG thanked GAL for keeping it fully aware of the issues and challenges concerning the passenger experience at Gatwick.

PAG welcomed GAL's invitation to attend the business plan launch in February and had contributed to GATCOM's initial submission to the CAA providing views on GAL's plan and the proposed framework of contracts and commitments. PAG welcomed the opportunity to comment on the CAA's formal consultation expected at the end of April.

PAG had highlighted to GAL the need to ensure consistency in the wayfinding and signage trail between the various project areas at the airport.

GAL was encouraged to raise passenger awareness and increase the signage for the new PRM adult changing facilities at the airport.

## **GATCOM'S MEMBERSHIP AND APPOINTING PROCESS TO NATMAG**

GATCOM agreed the appointing process and specification for the role of GATCOM members appointed to serve on NATMAG. It was emphasised that the members' technical knowledge and understanding of both aircraft and ground noise was the primary consideration in the appointment process but wherever possible a geographical spread of GATCOM members to represent most areas around the airport would also be an aim.

GATCOM also agreed the appointment process and specification for the role for GATCOM's Lead Member for noise.

The new process would be implemented at GATCOM's annual meeting in July 2013.

Cllr Chris Hersey

## **News Releases**

For further information on or copies of the press releases listed below, please contact the Press Office on 01444 477387 or use the following link:

<http://www.midsussex.gov.uk/8485.htm>

PR 1710 - Schoolchildren offer help with a foul problem.

PR 1711 - Draft District Plan is published for final comments.