

# Cabinet Member for Prosperity

## Agenda

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**Date:** Monday 14th March 2011  
**Time:** 9.00 am  
**Venue:** The Tatton Room - Town Hall, Macclesfield SK10 1DX

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The agenda is divided into 2 parts. Part 1 is taken in the presence of the public and press. Part 2 items will be considered in the absence of the public and press for the reasons indicated on the agenda and at the foot of each report.

### **PART 1 – MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE PUBLIC AND PRESS PRESENT**

1. **Apologies for Absence**

2. **Declarations of Interest**

To provide an opportunity for Members and Officers to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interests in any item on the agenda.

3. **Public Speaking Time/Open Session**

A period of 10 minutes is allocated for members of the public to address the meeting on any matter relevant to the work of the meeting. Individual members of the public may speak for up to 5 minutes but the Chairman or person presiding will decide how the period of time allocated for public speaking will be apportioned where there are a number of speakers. Members of the public are not required to give notice to use this facility. However, as a matter of courtesy, a period of 24 hours' notice is encouraged.

Members of the public wishing to ask a question at the meeting should provide at least three clear working days' notice in writing and should include the question with that notice. This will enable an informed answer to be given.

4. **Manchester's Core Strategy Publication Consultation (Pages 1 - 6)**

To consider a report on how Manchester City Council's proposed policy approach to managing the growth of Manchester Airport, through its Core Strategy, has changed since its previous consultation in September last year.

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### **There are no Part 2 Items**

For any apologies or requests for further information, or to give notice of a question to be asked by a member of the public

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## **CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL**

### **Cabinet Member for Prosperity**

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**Date of Meeting:** 14 March 2011  
**Report of:** Stuart Penny, Planning Policy Manager  
**Subject/Title:** Manchester's Core Strategy Publication Consultation

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#### **1.0 Report Summary**

- 1.1 This report sets out how Manchester City Council's proposed policy approach to managing the growth of Manchester Airport, through its Core Strategy, has changed since its previous consultation in September last year.

#### **2.0 Recommendation**

- 2.1 That the Portfolio Holder directs that Cheshire East Council supports as 'sound' the City Council's policy approach to dealing with growth at Manchester Airport detailed in its draft Core Strategy.

#### **3.0 Reasons for Recommendations**

- 3.1 The Council has previously supported the proposed policy approach to managing growth at Manchester Airport subject to reference being made in the policy to consideration being given to the impact of development on the transport network including the highway.

#### **4.0 Wards Affected**

- 4.1 All Wards but particularly Bucklow, Knutsford and Wilmslow South.

#### **5.0 Local Ward Members**

- 5.1 Councillors A Knowles, J Macrae, G Walton, O Hunter, T Ranfield, S Wilkinson, G Barton, W Fitzgerald and R Menlove.

#### **6.0 Policy Implications including - Climate change - Health**

- 6.1 None

#### **7.0 Financial Implications (Authorised by the Borough Treasurer)**

- 7.1 None

**8.0 Legal Implications (Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)**

- 8.1 None for this Authority. Adjoining LPAs are required to consult this Council regarding the content of their Development Plan Documents.

**9.0 Risk Management**

- 9.1 N/A

**10.0 Background**

- 10.1 Manchester City Council published its Core Strategy on 10<sup>th</sup> February for a six week period of public consultation until the 24<sup>th</sup> March 2011. This sets out the planning policies that will shape development in Manchester to 2027 and represents the final stage of consultation before the document is submitted for public examination.
- 10.2 There have been a number of previous rounds of consultation to which the Council have made comments in relation to proposals for development at Manchester Airport. At the last round of consultation in September 2010 the comments shown in Appendix 1 were submitted to the City Council following a report to the Cabinet Member for Prosperity. In essence, these supported the approach to dealing with growth at the airport subject to reference being made in the policy to ensure that detailed planning application proposals for airport expansion demonstrate that they would have no adverse impact on the transport network, including the highway network.
- 10.3 The policy for Manchester Airport in the draft Core Strategy document is essentially the same as that previously consulted upon with the exception of two changes. Firstly, the City Council has added wording to the policy to ensure that any development proposals include surface access and parking arrangements which “satisfactorily manage impacts on the highway network” and secondly, that development should support the retention and preservation of heritage assets. The policy now states that “proposals which impact upon heritage assets within or close to the site, including listed buildings, will be required to show they have met the tests within PPS5. Development which has a detrimental impact on heritage assets should be necessary to meet operational capacity requirements, taking account of the availability of preferable development options within the Airport site”.
- 10.4 In view of the changes made to the policy to incorporate the need for any airport development to consider the impacts on the highway network and the Council’s previous support for the approach to dealing with growth at the airport, it is considered that the Council should submit comments supporting the ‘soundness’ of the Manchester Airport policy shown in the draft Core Strategy document.

## **11.0 Access to Information**

11.1 The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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- Manchester City Council LDF Core Strategy Development Plan Document, Publication consultation February 2011.

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**Appendix 1 – Comments submitted by Cheshire East Council to the Manchester City Council Pre-Publication Consultation on Manchester's Core Strategy – Policy MA1 (Manchester Airport).**

**Summary:**

Cheshire East Council supports the City Council's approach to dealing with growth at Manchester Airport and review of the Green Belt in the vicinity through its Core Strategy subject to reference being made in the policy to ensure that detailed planning application proposals for airport expansion consider the wider effects of surface access improvements in addition to the environmental effects. Proposals should demonstrate that they would have no adverse impact on the transport network, including the highway network.

**Response:**

Cheshire East Council had previously supported the City Council's option 2 which was to deal with growth at Manchester Airport and review of the Green Belt in the vicinity in a separate Area Action Plan.

Further evidence relating to the Airport expansion and an independent review of the Green Belt in the vicinity of the Airport has been published alongside this Pre-Publication stage consultation. It is considered this additional evidence addresses most of the points that an Area Action would have been required to demonstrate under the previous option 2. The Council also accepts that the areas for expansion required to achieve the growth set out in the Future of Air Transport White Paper will no longer serve a Green Belt function over the lifetime of the Core Strategy and there are exceptional circumstances that allow for the revision of the Green Belt boundary through the Core Strategy.

Cheshire East Council supports the reference in the supporting text (paragraph 8.6) that *"further work will be required to develop a package of surface access improvements at Manchester to cater for the forecast level of growth and to increase the levels of public transport use"*. However, it is not considered that this is fully reflected in the policy wording.

Draft policy MA1 requires that proposed Airport expansion development should seek to ensure that the environmental effects of development are assessed at the planning application stage, and demonstrate that these effects can be mitigated or compensated. This would include demonstration of the extent to which surface access and car parking arrangements encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling. The draft policy links surface access improvements only to their environmental effects, rather than the wider effects such as those on the transport network, including the highway.

Cheshire East Council considers that surface access improvements should be linked to their wider effects and that future planning applications for expansion should also demonstrate that there would be no individual or cumulative adverse impacts on the transport networks, including the highway network.

The proposed South East Manchester Multi-Modal Study (SEMMMS) relief road is intended to provide improved highway access to the airport from the east and

assist the airport in meeting its expansion plans. However, funding for the scheme is currently uncertain and it is important that the policy is clear that the impact on the transport network, including the highway, will be a factor in determining planning applications for expansion.

Cheshire East Council therefore supports the City Council's approach to dealing with growth at Manchester Airport and review of the Green Belt in the vicinity through its Core Strategy subject to reference being made in the policy to ensure that detailed planning application proposals for airport expansion consider the wider effects of surface access improvements and show that proposals would have no adverse impacts on the transport network, including the highway network.