

Report of the Assistant Director, Governance and ICT

## **Called-in Item: Closer Working with Leeds Bradford International Airport**

### **Summary**

1. This report sets out the reasons for the call-in of the decision made by the Cabinet on 3 September 2013 in relation to proposed promotional activity to be undertaken at the Leeds Bradford International Airport (LBIA) as part of the city's efforts to maximise access to international markets. The promotion would initially involve the provision of £10k funding from the Economic Infrastructure Fund (EIF) for the development of a campaign to promote the City of York. This would be followed by a further £75k per annum over 4 years to roll out the campaign, depending on the results of monitoring and evaluation. Contributions would also be sought from partner organisations across the city.

This cover report sets out the powers and role of the Corporate and Scrutiny Management Committee in relation to dealing with the call-in.

### **Background**

2. The Decision Sheet issued after the Cabinet meeting is attached as Annex A to this report. This sets out the decision taken by Cabinet on the called-in item. The original report to the Cabinet on the called-in item is attached as Annex B to this report.
3. The Cabinet decision has been called in by Cllrs Aspden, D'Agorne and Taylor for review by the Corporate and Scrutiny Management Committee (CSMC) (Calling-In), in accordance with the constitutional requirements for call-in. The following are the reasons given for the call-in:

1. With a projected £3.7 million budget deficit and ongoing cuts to basic street level services we do not believe this should be a spending priority.
2. We are not convinced that the proposal represents value for money at the current time.
3. We do not believe that the criteria is in place to satisfactorily measure the effectiveness of this expenditure.
4. Despite claims by the Cabinet Leader in July 2012 that he was “in negotiations to secure direct transport links between the Airport and York”, there is currently no link. The cost of this project would make more sense if such a direct link existed and passengers could easily get from Leeds-Bradford to York.

### **Consultation**

4. In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, the calling-in Members have been invited to attend and/or speak at the Call-In meeting, as appropriate.

### **Options**

5. The following options are available to CSMC (Calling-In) Members in relation to dealing with this call-in, in accordance with the constitutional and legal requirements under the Local Government Act 2000:
  - a. To decide that there are no grounds to make specific recommendations to the Cabinet in respect of the report. If this option is chosen, the original decision taken on the item by the Cabinet on 3 September 2013 will be confirmed and will take effect from the date of the CSMC (Calling-In) meeting; or
  - b. To make specific recommendations to the Cabinet on the report, in light of the reasons given for the call-in. If this option is chosen, the matter will be reconsidered by Cabinet at a meeting of Cabinet (Calling-In) to be held on 24 September 2013.

## Analysis

6. Members need to consider the reasons for call-in and the report to Cabinet and form a view on whether there is a basis to make specific recommendations to Cabinet in respect of the report.

## Council Plan

7. There are no direct implications for this call-in in relation to the delivery of the Council Plan and its priorities for 2011-15.

## Implications

8. There are no known Financial, HR, Legal, Property, Equalities, or Crime and Disorder implications in relation to the following in terms of dealing with the specific matter before Members; namely, to determine and handle the call-in.

## Risk Management

9. There are no risk management implications associated with the call in of this matter.

## Recommendations:

10. Members are asked to consider the call-in and reasons for it and decide whether they wish to confirm the decisions made by the Cabinet or refer the matter back for reconsideration and make specific recommendations on the report to Cabinet.

**Reason:** To enable the called-in matter to be dealt with efficiently and in accordance with the requirements of the Council's Constitution.

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**Report  
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**Specialist Implications Officer(s)** None

**Wards Affected:**

**All**

**For further information please contact the author of the report**

**Annexes**

Annex A – Copy of the Decision Sheet produced following the Cabinet meeting on the called-in item.

Annex B – Report of the Leader to Cabinet on 3 September 2013.

**Background Papers**

None