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ELMBRIDGE BOROUGH COUNCIL

INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER DECISION MAKING - LEADER

Report of decisions taken on 19 April 2017

Present:

S.J. Selleck (Leader of the Council)

Also present:

Mrs. C. Elmer

1/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

MATTERS OF REPORT

2/16 LOCAL AUTHORITIES AIRCRAFT NOISE COUNCIL (LAANC) MEMBERSHIP

(Link to Council Priorities: A Safe, Caring and Healthy Elmbridge)

In December 2016, Elmbridge agreed a position on the impact of a third runway at Heathrow Airport whereby irrespective of the decision by Government as to whether to expand Heathrow Airport, the Council would work in partnership with Heathrow and the community forums to address the economic and environmental impacts of the Airport on the Borough and encourage the Government to establish an Independent Regulator responsible for air quality and noise.

In this regard, the Leader of the Council considered a report that sought agreement to join the Local Authorities Aircraft Noise Council (LAANC) which would enable Elmbridge to better challenge issues around noise, air quality and night flights, whilst also receiving expert guidance on these aspects.

The Leader noted that LAANC had been founded in the 1960s as an umbrella local authority organisation representing the interests of residents around Heathrow such as Elmbridge. The objectives of the organisation included examining all problems arising from the nuisance of aircraft noise, both in-flight and on the ground. Whilst no full-time staff were employed, through a unique working partnership of local authority officers and elected Members, LAANC had achieved recognition as an expert body in the area of aircraft noise.

It was noted that the cost of joining LAANC was £530 per annum which would entitle the Council to appoint three representatives together with three deputies.

The Leader supported the Council joining LAANC and noted that the appointment of the representatives to this organisation would be undertaken at

