THE THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISION OF CABINET

Relevant Portfolio:

> Councillor David Green, Cabinet Member for Strategic Economic Development Services, Councillor Richard Nicholson, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing & Planning Services

Date of Decision:

> Thursday, 31 July 2014

Subject:

> Manston International Airport - Petition; Motion; and Evaluation and Validation Report

Key Decision No   In Forward Plan No

Brief summary of matter:

> Receive a first stage viability report on Manston Airport

Decision made:

> 1. THAT Cabinet accepts the recommendations contained within the Stage 1 Evaluation and Validation report;
>
> 2. THAT Cabinet shares the report with the current owner of Manston to enable discussions with a view to establishing a way forward;
>
> 3. THAT Cabinet instructs Officers to proceed to Stage 2 of the viability assessment to develop a high level Business Plan which will be necessary to support the Local Plan process and any potential future procurement for an appropriate investor/partner;
>
> 4. THAT Cabinet instructs Officers to undertake a market testing exercise (prior to any full procurement process) to establish the level of interest in line with the conclusions in the Evaluation and Validation report.

Reasons for decision:

> To protect the district's economic interest in the light of Manston's closure.

Alternatives considered and why rejected:

> Not to proceed with the viability study or market test. Rejected as not to proceed would not address the problems caused by the airport's closure.

Details of any conflict of interest declared by any executive Member who has been consulted and of any dispensation granted by the Standards Committee:

None

Author and date of Officer report:

Background papers

Manston International Airport - Evaluation and Validation Report FINAL
Manston Stage 1 Report
Manston Stage 1 Appendix A2

Statement if decision is an urgent one and therefore not subject to call-in:

n/a

Last date for call in: 11 August 2014