
MEMBER REQUEST FOR OSP TO EXAMINE THE PwC REVIEW OF CPO INDEMNITY PROCESS FOR MANSTON AIRPORT

To: **Overview and Scrutiny Panel – 18th August 2015**

By: **Monitoring Officer**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Ward: **Thanet Wide**

Summary: The report sets out a request from Councillor Iris Johnston for the Panel to examine the report 'Review of CPO Indemnity Process for Manston Airport', and to consider a number of issues in relation to the report, its preparation and recommendations.

For Decision

1.0 Introduction and Background

- 1.1 At the appointment of the Department for Transport, Pricewaterhouse Coopers (PwC) provided consultancy on a due diligence review in assessing a potential indemnity partner in relation to the Compulsory Purchase of the Manston Airport site.
- 1.2 The report commissioned by the Department for Transport, was published by PwC on the 25th June 2015 and is available at :

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/manston-airport-pwc-review-into-the-process>

- 1.3 Whilst the report was not commissioned by the Council it does relate to processes undertaken by the Council and is therefore appropriate for consideration by the panel.

2.0 Notice to include the item on the agenda

- 2.1 In accordance with the Council's Constitution, Councillor Iris Johnston has given notice that she wishes the Overview and Scrutiny Panel to examine the report and consider:
- a. Why did the Council fail to provide 20 documents to PwC;
 - b. The Council should have sent everything it held and not expect RiverOak to cover anything but their own records;
 - c. There are a number of criticisms of the Council that need examination and reference to the PIN expectations in particular;
 - d. As the Leader at the time I insisted that the Council be open and transparent in all our actions and I had hoped we had complied;
 - e. I feel we should revisit the Transport Committee report which at some areas is at odds with PwC.
- 2.2 The Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel is also of the opinion that the report should be reviewed by the Panel.

2.3 The purpose of this report is to bring the notice from Councillor Johnston to the attention of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel and not to debate the issues, other than is required to determine how the Panel wish to deal with the matter. There is no Officer report about the PwC report or any of the issues raised by Councillor Johnston, since that would be premature.

3.0 Options

3.1 The Panel notes the matters raised and takes no further action.

3.2 The Panel notes the matters raised and includes in its work plan a future report from officers.

3.3 The Panel notes the matters raised and makes recommendations to Cabinet.

4.0 Corporate Implications

4.1 Financial and VAT

5.1.1 There are no financial implications.

4.2 Legal

4.2.1 This matter is being dealt with by the Overview and Scrutiny Panel in accordance with the Constitution.

4.3 Equity and Equalities

4.3.1 There are no equalities implications.

5.0 Recommendations

5.1 With reference to the options offered in section 3.0 of the report, guidance is sought from Members of the Panel on how to progress this issue;

5.2 If option 3.2 is agreed, then officers will need clear guidance on the nature, scope and particular issues which the Panel wish the officers to advise upon in that report.

6.0 Decision Making Process

6.1 The Panel could refer any recommendations for action to Cabinet.

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Annex List

None	N/A
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Background Papers

Title	Details of where to access copy
None	N/A

Corporate Consultation Undertaken

Finance	N/A
Legal	N/A