

NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING MANSTON AIRPORT AND RIVEROAK

Council:	07 December 2023
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Portfolio Holder	Councillor Everitt, Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Strategy and Transformation
Status	For Decision
Classification:	Unrestricted
Ward:	All Wards

Executive Summary:

This Council will consider a notice of motion requesting that the Council invite Tony Freudmann and the RiverOak team to make a presentation regarding Manston Airport to the Full Council before 1st March 2024.

Recommendation(s):

With reference to the options in section 2.0 of the report, Council is invited to consider the motion.

Corporate Implications:

Financial and Value for Money

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

Legal

Council Procedure Rule 3.7 states that: “the Member whose name appears first on the notice will move the motion during his or her speech and call for a seconder. If seconded, a Member from the controlling political group will be entitled to a reply, after which the motion shall stand referred without further discussion to the Cabinet or appropriate committee for determination or report unless the Council decides to debate the motion in accordance with Rule 16” (*rules of debate*)

Corporate

Council Procedure Rule 3 provides the opportunity for Councillors to give advance notice of

motions to be put to Council.

Equality Act 2010 & Public Sector Equality Duty

Members are reminded of the requirement, under the Public Sector Equality Duty (section 149 of the Equality Act 2010) to have due regard to the aims of the Duty at the time the decision is taken. The aims of the Duty are: (i) eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act, (ii) advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it, and (iii) foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.

Protected characteristics: age, sex, disability, race, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, religion or belief and pregnancy & maternity. Only aim (i) of the Duty applies to Marriage & civil partnership.

There are no specific equalities issues arising from this report.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

This report relates to the following corporate priorities: -

- Communities

1.0 Introduction and Background

- 1.1 The following motion has been received from Councillor Worrow in accordance with Council Procedure Rule No. 3:

“As the democratically elected representatives of the people of Thanet, we recognise that the time has come for us to put our political differences aside, and to acknowledge that we are duty bound to welcome with open arms, the inward investment that is so crucial to the economic growth necessary in order to create the jobs needed for our children and grandchildren.

Manston Airport is of vital concern to local residents, therefore, it is in the interests of everyone living in Thanet to hear the current proposals of RiverOak Strategic Partners, and for us as their district councillors, to put our words into action, and as previously mentioned, to invite Tony Freudmann and the RiverOak Team to make a presentation to the Full Council, which is to be an extraordinary meeting no later than the 1st March 2024.”

2.0 Options

- 2.1 To debate the motion,
- 2.2 Not to debate the motion, in which case the motion will fall.

3.0 Decision Making Process

3.1 If the motion is debated, at the end of the debate a vote will be taken to agree the motion or not. As only Council can agree to this motion, if the motion falls then it will not be referred to any other committee.

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Annex List

There are no annexes with this report.

Background Papers

There are no background papers with this report.

Corporate Consultation

Finance: Chris Blundell (Director of Corporate Services - Section 151)

Legal: Ingrid Brown (Head of Legal and Democracy & Monitoring Officer)