

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services

Council: 28 April 2010

Subject: Glasgow Airport Flight Path Fund Board

1. Purpose

- 1.1** To consider a request from Glasgow Airport to nominate a representative and depute from West Dunbartonshire to join the Flight Path Fund Board. The Fund Board will oversee the distribution of Glasgow Airport's community funding.

2. Background

- 2.1** For a number of years Environmental Health have received complaints regarding noise from airplanes on the flight path to and from Glasgow Airport. The complaints have generally come from the Clydebank Area. While the complaints have not been sufficient to amount to a statutory nuisance there is no doubt that noise from the airport flight path is an issue for members of the public, particularly for those in the Clydebank area.
- 2.2** In November 2009 Glasgow Airport undertook a full public consultation exercise on proposals to mitigate the impact of airport related noise. This has resulted in two proposals:-
- to authorise a new noise insulation scheme for residential properties with the 66 decibel contour area identified by the CAA Noise Contour Map.
 - in addition, because few properties fall within the 66 decibel contour area at Glasgow Airport, it is proposed to establish an independent Flight Path Fund Board to oversee the distribution of Glasgow Airport's community funding. This set to rise to £150,000 in 2010.
- 2.3** A letter dated 29 March 2010 from Glasgow Airport has been received by the Leader inviting the Council to nominate one representative and one depute from West Dunbartonshire to join the Flight Path Fun Board. This is attached as Appendix 1. The representatives can be Elected Members, Council Officers, Community Councillors or anyone else the Council considers suitable. Glasgow Airport do, however, ask that the nominated representatives have some interest in airport related issues and perhaps some experience of funding activities. Board Members will be appointed for a period of one year with meetings taking place monthly.

3.0 Main Issues

- 3.1** It is recommended that the Council nominate a representative and depute to serve on the Flight Path Fund Board. The main question is whether the representative should be chosen from the community or whether it should be a Councillor or Officer. On the one hand, local community activists have been heavily involved in issues relating to airport noise and have a strong interest in this. On the other hand, a Council nominee might have greater scope to maximise the use of funding on particular Projects to deal with airport noise. One option might be to suggest that the local Community Council or another local representative be put forward with the depute as a Member or Officer of West Dunbartonshire Council or vice versa.

4. People Implications

- 4.1** There are no people implications

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1** Membership of the Flight Path Fund Board provides an opportunity to ensure a fair distribution of the Fund to help address airport related noise issues, particularly in the Clydebank area.

6. Risk Assessment

- 6.1** The use of Flight Path Fund monies to address airport related noise issues and the involvement of the community in distributing such monies will hopefully help to reduce noise related disturbance and noise complaints in the Clydebank area.

7. Equalities Impact Assessment

- 7.1** No significant issues were identified in a screening for potential equality impact of this service.

8. Conclusions and Recommendations

- 8.1** The Report seeks the Council to nominate a representative and depute to serve on the independent Flight Path Fund Board to oversee the distribution of Glasgow Airport's community funding.
- 8.2** It is recommended that the Council consider whether to appoint a community or Council representative to serve on the Flight Path Fund Board, or a mix thereof. If Council agree that a community representative should be nominated it is recommended that Council delegates to the Chief Executive the power to nominate the representative.

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Appendices:

Background Papers:

Wards Affected: