

Cabinet

Date: Wednesday, 05 August 2015

Time: 17:30

Venue: Mancroft room, City Hall, St Peters Street, Norwich, NR2 1NH

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AGENDA

1 Apologies

Purpose - To receive apologies for absence

2 Public questions/petitions

Purpose - To receive questions / petitions from the public (notice to be given to committee officer in advance of the meeting in accordance with appendix 1 of the council's constitution)

3 Declarations of interest

(Please note that it is the responsibility of individual members to declare an interest prior to the item if they arrive late for the meeting)

4 Norwich International Aviation Academy

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Purpose - To agree a grant in kind to facilitate the proposed Norwich International Aviation Academy.

5 Exclusion of the public

Purpose - Consideration of exclusion of the public.

EXEMPT ITEMS:

(During consideration of these items the meeting is not likely to be open to the press and the public.)

To consider whether the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during consideration of an agenda item on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as specified in Part 1 of Schedule 12 A of the Local Government Act 1972 or it being confidential for the purposes of Section 100A(2) of that Act.

In each case, members are asked to decide whether, in all circumstances, the public interest in maintaining the exemption (and discussing the matter in private) outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

***6 Norwich International Aviation Academy**

- This report is not for publication because it would disclose information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) as in para 3 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

Date of publication: **Tuesday, 28 July 2015**

Report to Cabinet
5 August 2015
Report of Executive head of regeneration and development
Subject Norwich International Aviation Academy

Item

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KEY DECISION

Purpose

To agree a grant in kind to facilitate the proposed Norwich International Aviation Academy.

Recommendation

To approve a grant in kind, by way of a peppercorn rent, on property jointly owned by the city council and Norfolk County Council.

Corporate and service priorities

The report helps to meet the corporate priority of a prosperous city and the service plan priority to create employment opportunities and encourage regeneration which will grow business rates and investment property income.

Financial implications

The financial implications associated with this report are commercially sensitive and members are referred to the exempt report which will also be presented at this meeting.

Ward/s: All

Cabinet member: Councillor Stonard – Resources

Contact officers

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Background documents

None

Report

Background

1. Key stakeholders - including the city council - have been working closely with partners to deliver the Norwich International Aviation Academy (NIAA). This project builds on one of Norwich and Norfolk's key employment sectors as identified in the City Deal and the New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership's Strategic Economic Plan.
2. The aviation sector, especially in engineering, is one that is projected to grow substantially locally, nationally and internationally. Norwich is in a prime position to capitalise on this with the creation of a training academy, where local people especially will be able to take advantage of this opportunity. The sector is identified as a major growth opportunity in both the Strategic Economic Plan and the City Deal.
3. By creating a major facility for aviation-related training close to Norwich Airport it will help attract businesses in this sector to grow, or to relocate, and the planned Norwich Aeropark will be ideally placed to accommodate new business. The project will also benefit from proximity to the proposed Norwich Northern Distributor Route.
4. The city council has a 40% interest in the wider Norwich Airport Industrial Estate and a facility such as this would be a major anchor tenant which could kick-start the redevelopment of this key employment area within the city, leading to greater employment opportunities and growth in both rental income and business rates.

The proposal

5. The proposal is for the county council to use its borrowing powers to provide part of the finance to create a physical location for the Norwich International Aviation Skills Academy at a site close to the edge of Norwich International Airport, to be opened in time to commence training in September 2016.
6. The key aims of the proposal are to create a facility that will provide:
 - a) local jobs;
 - b) opportunities for local people to work in a national or international setting;
 - c) an opportunity for a national and international facility in Norwich.
7. The main training partners have worked on the development of a training plan. The key issue to consider is the need to create a custom-designed facility, enabling access to the airport itself which would initially focus on aviation engineering training to support the existing demand from KLM UK Engineering, but with the intention of this increasing over time to incorporate skills across six areas of aviation:
 - a) pilot;
 - b) engineer;
 - c) air traffic control;
 - d) cabin crew/crew;
 - e) airport operations;
 - f) operations, planning and crewing.

8. A business plan has been produced by the Aviation Skills Partnership (ASP) on behalf of the key partners and stakeholders. It sets out a costed proposal to create the academy and shows that enough training revenue can be derived from each element of the initial phase of the academy to cover:
 - a) the operational cost;
 - b) renewals;
 - c) the cost of servicing the loan required to create the facility.
9. The plan is largely based on training currently being delivered or for which a market has already been established.
10. The proposal is to use a site, located on the Norwich Airport Industrial Estate, which is jointly owned by the city council and the county council. Details of the location of the site and the financial implications can be found in the accompanying exempt report which will also be presented at this meeting.
11. The business case for the Aviation Academy relies upon there being a peppercorn rent for the land and premises which will require the city council to effectively provide a grant-in-kind in lieu of rent.

Integrated impact assessment



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The IIA should assess **the impact of the recommendation** being made by the report

Detailed guidance to help with completing the assessment can be found [here](#). Delete this row after completion

Report author to complete

Committee: Cabinet

Committee date: 5 August 2015

Head of service: Andy Watt

Report subject: Norwich International Aviation Academy

Date assessed: 23 July 2015

Description:

	Impact			
Economic (please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Finance (value for money)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Other departments and services e.g. office facilities, customer contact	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
ICT services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Economic development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Financial inclusion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Social (please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Safeguarding children and adults	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<u>S17 crime and disorder act 1998</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Human Rights Act 1998	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Health and well being	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Equality and diversity (please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Relations between groups (cohesion)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

	Impact			
Eliminating discrimination & harassment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Advancing equality of opportunity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Environmental (please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Natural and built environment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Waste minimisation & resource use	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Pollution	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sustainable procurement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Energy and climate change	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Improved EPC ratings of new buildings
(Please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Risk management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Recommendations from impact assessment	
Positive	
The positive implications outweigh the relatively small immediate financial implications	
Negative	
Neutral	
Issues	

