

COUNCIL
13 October 2021
CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS (2) – URGENT ITEM

Recommendation to Council made at the Cabinet meeting held on 7 October 2021

Budget for Consultancy Support for the Gatwick Development Consent Order

The report to Cabinet was considered as an urgent item, in accordance with 4d.4 of the constitution. Because of the tight timescales and the need to set up this budget quickly, it had not been possible to consult the Cabinet Member's Policy Development Advisory Group.

The consultation by Gatwick Airport Limited on the Gatwick Development Consent Order to bring the standby runway into routine use began on 9 September and will finish on 1 December. To obtain the optimal outcomes for the Council's residents and business our in-house Strategic Planning service will lack the relevant skills and knowledge in some specialist areas.

The report to Cabinet recommended setting up a reserve to cover the cost of using consultants to give the Council the information it needs to respond fully to the Consultation and make sure the Secretary of State is aware of the impact on our residents and any necessary mitigations, should he be minded to approve the Development Consent Order.

Cabinet is recommended to:

RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL

- i) To set up an earmarked reserve of £100,000 for use on consultants for the Council's response to the Development Consent Order;
- ii) To delegate to the Director of Place in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning and Development the uses of this budget/reserve.

REASON

- i) A budget is needed to ensure the Council gains the advice it needs to ensure optimal outcomes for the Development Consent Order.
- ii) The delegation is needed because we do not yet know the full detail of the work involved and the Consultation process has a tight set legislative timeframe to work within.