

**Cheltenham Borough Council
Cabinet – 10 December 2013**

**Gloucestershire Airport Green Policy Fourth Annual Review –
referral from Overview & Scrutiny Committee**

Report of the Chair of the Joint Airport Scrutiny Working Group

Accountable member	Councillor Tim Harman, Chair of the Joint Airport Scrutiny Working Group
Accountable officer	Pat Pratley, Deputy Chief Executive
Ward(s) affected	None
Key Decision	No
Executive summary	<p>On 25 November 2013 Overview & Scrutiny Committee considered a report from the Joint Airport Scrutiny Working Group (JASWG) on the outcomes of the fourth review of the Gloucestershire Airport Ltd (GAL) Green Policy. This report is attached at appendix 1.</p> <p>Overview & Scrutiny Committee endorsed the JASWG report and recommended that Cabinet see the report and note that officers will be working with GAL management to consider whether the ceiling of 4,000 tonnes CO₂ for aircraft emissions set down in the green policy should be recalibrated.</p>
Recommendations	Cabinet is recommended to note that officers will be working with GAL management to consider whether the ceiling of 4,000 tonnes CO₂ for aircraft emissions set down in the green policy should be recalibrated

Financial implications	<p>None – review of a document owned by Gloucestershire Airport Ltd</p> <p>Contact officer: Nina Philippidis, Accountant, Business Partner Team (West), nina.philippidis@cheltenham.gscx.gov.uk, 01242 264121</p>
Legal implications	None – review of a document owned by Gloucestershire Airport Ltd
HR implications (including learning and organisational development)	<p>None – review of a document owned by Gloucestershire Airport Ltd</p> <p>Contact officer: Julie McCarthy, HR manager (GO shared services), Julie.mccarthy@cheltenham.gcsx.gov.uk, 01242 264355</p>
Key risks	Identified in Joint Airport Scrutiny Working Group report
Corporate and community plan Implications	Identified in Joint Airport Scrutiny Working Group report

Environmental and climate change implications	Identified in Joint Airport Scrutiny Working Group report
Property/Asset Implications	None – review of document owned by Gloucestershire Airport Ltd

1. Background

- 1.1** The Airport Green Policy was approved by the cabinets of both shareholding councils in April 2009 and included in this was a commitment to monitor and review the policy on an annual basis. In line with that commitment, the JASWG received the fourth annual review report and a presentation from GAL on 21 October 2013 on the progress made on implementing the green policy. A copy of the GAL report is attached at appendix 2.
- 1.2** Overview & Scrutiny Committee considered the report of the JASWG on the outcomes of the review at its meeting on 25 November 2013. The draft minutes of that meeting are at appendix 3.
- 1.3** With regard to the recommendations, members asked whether there would be consultation with the public about recalibrating the emissions ceiling for aircraft. It was confirmed that, should the ceiling be subject to change, this will be reported to the Airport Consultative Committee, which includes representatives from local parish councils.

2. Reasons for recommendations

- 2.1** The purpose of this referral from Overview & Scrutiny Committee is to inform Cabinet of the outcomes of the JASWG report.
- 2.2** Overview & Scrutiny Committee endorsed the JASWG report and recommended that Cabinet see the report and note that council officers and GAL management will be working together to consider whether the current 4,000 tonne CO₂ ceiling for aircraft emissions, set out in the green policy, should be recalibrated.
- 2.3** The reason for considering a recalibration of the ceiling for aircraft emissions is set out in the JASWG report at appendix 1.

3. Performance management – monitoring and review

- 3.1** The JASWG reviews progress on implementing the green policy on an annual basis. The next review will also consider the implications of the Defra guidance on the current ceiling for aircraft emissions.

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Appendices	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. JASWG report and associated appendices (1 & 3) 2. Gloucestershire Airport Ltd Green Policy Fourth Annual Review Report (appendix 2 to JASWG report) 3. Overview & Scrutiny Committee draft minutes, 25 November 2013 (to follow)

Background information	Available from Gloucestershire Airport website: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Gloucestershire Airport Ltd Green Policy Issue 32. Gloucestershire Airport Ltd Green Policy Travel Plan
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