

**Cheltenham Borough Council**  
**Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 13 July 2011**  
**Gloucestershire Airport Green Policy Second Annual Review**  
**Report of Councillor Les Godwin, Chair of the Joint Airport**  
**Scrutiny Working Group (JASWG)**

<b>Accountable member</b>	<b>Leader of the Council, Councillor Steve Jordan</b>
<b>Accountable officer</b>	<b>Executive Director, Pat Pratley</b>
<b>Accountable scrutiny committee</b>	<b>Environment Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee</b>
<b>Ward(s) affected</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Key Decision</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Executive summary</b>	The Joint Airport Scrutiny Working Group met on 20 <sup>th</sup> June to consider the second annual review report of Gloucestershire Airport's Green Policy. The points covered by the discussion are detailed in the meeting minutes, which are attached at appendix 2. Overall, the Working Group was satisfied with the progress made by the Airport during the review period and approved the recommendations contained in the report.
<b>Recommendations</b>	The JASWG recommends the Committee accepts the review report and the recommendations contained within it.

<b>Financial implications</b>	None – review of a document owned by Gloucestershire Airport
<b>Legal implications</b>	None – review of a document owned by Gloucestershire Airport
<b>HR implications (including learning and organisational development)</b>	None – review of a document owned by Gloucestershire Airport
<b>Key risks</b>	None – review of a document owned by Gloucestershire Airport
<b>Corporate and community plan Implications</b>	The Airport's Green Policy is not a council document; however, as a shareholding council, encouraging the Airport to improve its environmental performance ensures it contributes to the council and community objectives of reducing carbon emissions. The Airport is also encouraged to take positive steps to engage with the local community.
<b>Environmental and climate change implications</b>	In addition to the above, the Policy also includes measures to tackle other environmental concerns including noise pollution, water quality and waste management.

## 1. Background

- 1.1 Gloucestershire Airport Green Policy was approved by the cabinets of both shareholding councils in April 2009. Included in this was a commitment to monitor and review the policy on an annual basis.
- 1.2 This second review covers the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011.
- 1.3 The review was undertaken by officers from both councils. The Airport was asked to provide evidence of progress on implementing the recommendations from the first annual review and of any additional activity related to the areas covered by the Green Policy. Officers then reviewed this evidence. A meeting was held with representatives from the Airport to discuss these findings prior to consideration of the report by the JASWG.
- 1.4 The JASWG met on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2011 to consider the review. The Managing Director of Gloucestershire Airport also attended this meeting, enabling a full discussion to take place on the review report. The points covered by this discussion are detailed in the meeting minutes, which are attached at Appendix 2.

## 2. Reasons for recommendation

- 2.1 Overall, the Working Group was satisfied with the progress made by the Airport during the review period and approved the report's recommendations, which are summarised in the table below.

<b>Overall policy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• For clarity, include an appendix which draws together all baselines, targets and timescales for different strands of work</li><li>• Publish updated policy on website</li></ul>
<b>Noise</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Publish year-on-year comparison of noise complaints against benchmarking data in green policy</li><li>• Draw together all relevant information into noise section of the website – this will also serve to fulfil the outstanding committee recommendations in relation to noise complaints</li></ul>
<b>Ground operations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Produce a summary table of information clearly setting out baselines, targets and timescales for electricity consumption, fuel usage and carbon emissions reductions</li><li>• Consider establishing a process to accurately measure fuel consumption by vehicle fleet to improve accuracy of carbon emissions figures from this source</li><li>• Set out the source data and methodology used for calculating the carbon emissions figures in the policy</li></ul>
<b>Travel plan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Explore the potential for widening the scope of the car sharing database to include other employers on site</li><li>• Share the travel plan, once approved, with other Airport tenants to encourage the take up of more sustainable travel by employers from across the Airport site</li></ul>
<b>Waste</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Publish baselines for waste streams in green policy once established</li></ul>
<b>Water quality</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Publish statement in green policy with regard to compliance with current standards</li><li>• Include information on water usage in buildings in green policy</li></ul>

## 3. Performance management –monitoring and review

- 3.1 The next annual review will cover the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012 and will consider the progress made on implementing the recommendations from this review and any additional activity carried out in respect of the areas outlined in the Green Policy.

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<b>Appendices</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Gloucestershire Airport Green Policy Second Annual Review</li><li>2. Joint Airport Scrutiny Working Group, minutes of meeting, 20<sup>th</sup> June 2011</li></ol>
<b>Background information</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Gloucestershire Airport Ltd Green Policy Issue 2</li><li>2. Gloucestershire Airport Green Policy Travel Plan</li></ol>