

Briefing for Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 22nd January 2018

The Forward Plan lists the reports expected to come to Cabinet in the next 3 or 4 months. This note supplements that with other issues that may be of interest to O&S.

Gloucestershire Airport

A Leader decision has been taken as council shareholder to confirm support for the new senior management structure which in addition to the Managing Director includes 3 posts - a Commercial Director, Financial Controller and Compliance & Operations Manager. Darren Lewington has decided to leave the company after over 25 years' service and recruitment to fill the 3 posts is underway.

As part of strengthening the company, the shareholders have agreed to reduce direct nominations of company directors to one each. This will need to be formally confirmed by decisions to change to company articles and shareholders agreement.

The shareholders carried out a recruitment process for Non-Executive Directors. There were 48 applications with 12 invited for interview. The interview panel was made up of councillors and officers from the 2 shareholders with HR support from Julie McCarthy from Publica. Lis Carter and Mark Ryan, representing the company, also met each candidate and fed back their views before decisions by the panel. The strength of applicants was such that the shareholders have proposed to appoint 4 new directors all of whom have accepted.

A special Shareholder Forum has been proposed for 31st January to make sure all the correct governance is in place enable everything mentioned above to happen.

Rail Franchise

The government have launched a consultation about what happens to the great western rail franchise (see link below) following the scheduled end of the current franchise in March 2019. The deadline for feedback is 21st February 2018 – is this something O&S want to get involved in?

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/great-western-rail-franchise>