

REPORT TO: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - 16TH OCTOBER 2006
REPORT ON: DUNDEE AIRPORT SAFETY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM - AUDIT
REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To inform the Committee of the operation of the second year of the safety management system, and the progress on full implementation to airport operations.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that the Committee notes the content of this report and the intention that subsequent audits and overall progress will be the subject of annual reports.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 None.

4 SUSTAINABILITY POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None.

5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None.

6 MAIN TEXT

6.1 Dundee Airport has, in common with all UK licensed airports, introduced management processes to ensure a formalised systematic pro-active approach to safety management that meets with the requirements of the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA).

6.2 The CAA accepted this Safety Management System (SMS) on the 5th July 2004, with implementation initially in the Air Traffic Control Unit. This has been extended to encompass all airport operations.

6.3 The SMS includes reporting mechanisms for major incidents and documents all safety related matters in a structured way and seeks to ensure constant improvement in Safety Management. During the second year of operation there were no major incidents.

6.4 The Council's Health and Safety Advisor conducted an audit of the first 12 months of implementation of the SMS, and a number of recommendations were made to improve safety assurance and clarify accountabilities.

6.5 A revision to the SMS was undertaken to implement the recommendations of the Audit. A complementary revision to the Aerodrome Manual was completed on 1st March 2006, and a further revision is expected to be implemented by 1st October 2006.

6.6 An external audit process is under way in accordance with the Certification of Air Navigation Service Providers (ANSP) to comply with EC Common Requirements Regulation No.2096/2005. It is anticipated that Dundee Airport will achieve compliance by March 2007, well ahead of the deadline of 21st December 2007.

7 CONSULTATIONS

7.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services) and Depute Chief Executive (Finance) have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

8 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 Dundee Airport Safety Management System
Dundee Airport Aerodrome Manual

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