

REPORT TO: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - 18TH OCTOBER 2004

REPORT ON: EXTENSION OF THE MAIN APRON AT DUNDEE AIRPORT

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

REPORT NO.: 695-2004

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1. To request approval for the letting of a contract for the extension of the main apron at Dundee Airport.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1. That a Partnership Agreement should be entered into with Tayside Contracts for the construction of an extension to the main apron at Dundee airport within a maximum price of £80,000 including fees.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1. The cost of the project can be accommodated within the Airport Capital Budget for 2004-05 due to a re-organisation of expenditure within the plan.

4. LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1. None.

5. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1. None.

6. REPORT

- 6.1. In the past year demand for apron space at Dundee Airport has risen considerably.
- 6.2. The main reason for this is the sharp increase in the number of business executive aircraft that are bringing clients to Dundee, and that often remain at the airport for several days. Many of these aircraft are of very substantial size, and while they bring significant revenue to the airport and attract key business executives to the area, they obviously also occupy substantial apron space for fairly long periods.
- 6.3. Looking forward to 2005, it is anticipated that capacity problems on the apron will occur more often and, in addition to that, the Open Golf Championship in July of that year will again bring very substantial traffic to Dundee Airport. In order to put the airport in a better position to accept increased business it is proposed that the main apron should be extended westwards.
- 6.4. A second measure to increase the efficiency with which apron space is used will involve the acquisition of pushback and towing equipment, and this will be the subject of a separate report, in due course.
- 6.5. The City Engineer recommends implementing the project through a Partnership with Tayside Contracts in order to achieve speedy implementation. Tayside Contracts has established expertise in working within an airport environment, and also has a good quality and cost record on previous airport contracts at Dundee.

7. **CONSULTATIONS**

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

8. **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 8.1. None.

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DATE: 12TH OCTOBER 2004