

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

6 December 2018 at 7.30pm

The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor Mrs D V Clarke) in the chair.

Members of the Council present Councillors A Alderson, D E Anderson-Bassey, J R Ashmore, J Broadhead, I A Chaudhri, Mrs D V Clarke, D A Cotty, M D Cressey, S Dennett, Ms F Dent, R J Edis, Mrs L M Gillham, Mrs E Gill, Mrs J Gracey, T Gracey, Mrs M T Harnden, N M King, Mrs G M Kingerley, D J Knight, Mrs Y P Lay, S Lewis, M J Maddox, D W Parr, N.Rubidge, Ms A Shepperdson, Ms C Simmons, Miss J Sohi, P S Sohi, P J Taylor, A Tollett, P J Waddell, Mrs G Warner and N Wase-Rogers

Members of the Council absent: Councillors, J R Furey Miss M N Heath, M T Kusneraitis, S Mackay Mrs C S S Manduca, M Nuti, N Prescott, P Snow, and M L Willingale

394 FIRE PRECAUTIONS

The Mayor read out the Fire Precautions.

395 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 18 October 2018 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

396 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor wished all Members compliments of the season.

At the invitation of the Mayor ,Councillor Chaudhri invited all Members to the 'Charity Walk for Peace' dinner which would be held on 7 December .The Charity Walk had been undertaken during Councillor Chaudhri's Mayoral Year and had raised £1m for UK charities and many charities in the Runnymede borough would also benefit. A cheque for the funds raised would be presented at the dinner.

397 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Furey, Miss Heath, Kusneraitis, Mrs Manduca, Nuti, Prescott, Snow and Willingale.

398 GAMBLING POLICY - THREE YEARLY REVIEW

Council considered a recommendation from the Regulatory Committee held on 13 November, 2018 that the revised Gambling Policy 2019 – 2022 be adopted and that delegated authority be given to the Environmental Health and Licensing Manager and the Senior Licensing Officer to make any non-substantive administrative amendments to the Policy without recourse to the Regulatory Committee.

Council was also asked to give authority for approval of the Gambling Policy in future to be delegated to Regulatory Committee, in line with other Policies relating to regulatory matters. This would require a minor amendment to the Council's Constitution.

RESOLVED that –

- i) the revised Gambling Policy 2019 – 2022 be approved;**
- ii) the Environmental Health and Licensing Manager and Senior Licensing Officer be authorised to make any subsequent non-substantive administrative amendments to the Policy; and**
- iii) authority for approval of the Gambling Policy in future be delegated to the Regulatory Committee and the Constitution be amended accordingly.**

399 RUNNYMEDE BOROUGH COUNCIL'S POSITION WITH REGARDS TO AIRPORT EXPANSION

Following the Government's announcement in June 2018 to proceed with the North West Runway expansion scheme at Heathrow Airport, the Council's Heathrow Airport Expansion Member Working Group had recommended that the Council reconsiders its current position, agreed in 2015, which supported an expansion of Gatwick Airport.

The Working Group proposed that the Council adopted a new position statement which regretfully acknowledged the Government's decision, but looked to refocus on achieving the best possible outcomes for the Borough of Runnymede with regards to the Heathrow Airport expansion plans. The Group also recommended that this process should include submission of a proposed 'Expectations List' of measures to Government, Heathrow Airport Limited, the Civil Aviation Authority and other relevant agencies in order to mitigate/compensate against the negative impacts of Heathrow's expansion for the communities of Runnymede.

The 'Expectations List' was presented to Members. It was noted that the views of Englefield Green Action Group (EGAG) and other groups had assisted the Member Working Group in formulation of the 'Expectations List'

It was moved by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Mrs Gillham that-

i) Full Council approves the proposed 'Expectations List' in Appendix 'A' being shared with Government, Heathrow Airport Limited, the Civil Aviation Authority and other relevant agencies with the request that they respectfully accept and deliver all the principles and items in order to mitigate against the negative impacts of expansion and compensate the communities of Runnymede; and

ii) The Council regretfully adopts the following new Position statement:

The Council acknowledges the decision made by Government in June 2018 that its intended airport expansion option in the South East is a North West Runway at Heathrow Airport. We will now refocus to achieve the best possible outcomes for the Borough of Runnymede with regards to the Heathrow Airport expansion plans, and respectfully request that Government, Heathrow Airport Limited, the Civil Aviation Authority and other relevant agencies accept and deliver the requests on our 'Expectations List'.

A small number of Members expressed concern that the new position might give the impression that this Council's preference for Gatwick had changed and that it now supported expansion at Heathrow. The mover and seconder of the Motion commented that this was not the case, but as the Government had confirmed its preferred approach for Heathrow the proposed Motion was a pragmatic approach as it was important to work with various bodies to secure the mitigation measures on noise and air pollution, and provision of infrastructure to benefit the residents of the borough .

Council duly supported the Motion which represented a pragmatic approach to the expansion of Heathrow, and it was

RESOLVED that-

- i) the proposed 'Expectations List' as shown in Appendix A be shared with Government, Heathrow Airport Limited, the Civil Aviation Authority and other relevant agencies with the request that they respectfully accept and deliver all the principles and items in order to mitigate against the negative impacts of expansion and compensate the communities of Runnymede; and**
- ii) the Council regrettably adopts the following new position statement:**

“The Council acknowledges the decision made by Government in June 2018 that its intended airport expansion option in the South East is a North West Runway at Heathrow Airport. We will now refocus to achieve the best possible outcomes for the Borough of Runnymede with regards to the Heathrow Airport expansion plans, and respectfully request that Government, Heathrow Airport Limited, the Civil Aviation Authority and other relevant agencies accept and deliver the requests on our 'Expectations List'.”

400 PROPERTY RELATED MATTER

The confidential property report had been withdrawn from the agenda and was not considered.

(The meeting ended at 7.55pm)

Mayor



Expectations List with regards to Heathrow Airport expansion plans

Runnymede Borough Council respectfully requests that Government, Heathrow Airport Ltd, the Civil Aviation Authority and other relevant agencies consider and deliver all the principles and items listed below in order to mitigate against the negative impacts of expansion and compensate the communities of Runnymede, and to take advantage of mutually beneficial opportunities.

Principle 1: Consultation feedback regarding the “Reduce the number of people newly overflowed” Airspace Modernisation principle is publically shared for transparency reasons, with a subsequent reconsideration for a wide dispersal of the flight paths rather than an increased concentration, in order to more fairly share the impact of noise across communities.

Principle 2: There are effective monitoring regimes implemented with strong independent enforcement measures on environmental controls including:

- Heathrow Airport Ltd to fund an improved air quality monitoring system within Runnymede, similar to that implemented for the Manchester Airport expansion;
- an air quality plan is implemented to ensure air quality is no worse than it is now at key sites on the M25 motorway as well as within local towns in Runnymede, with measures to ensure transparent continuous improvement;
- noise is no worse than it is now in Runnymede with a plan of measures to ensure transparent continuous improvement, with sanctions for breaches above this threshold;
- a night flight respite period between 11:30pm-6am is agreed (as proposed by the Airport Commission); and
- continuous monitoring of flight paths in order to ensure the impact of noise is shared across communities and the evidence is made transparent.

Principle 3: We request that Heathrow Airport Limited and the Civil Aviation Authority further explore modelling with regards to the ascent and descent angles of aircraft in order to minimise the noise impact on local communities.

Principle 4: Heathrow Airport Ltd takes deliverable steps to support the employment of the local workforce from Runnymede both for construction and operation for an expanded airport.

Principle 5: Heathrow Airport Ltd ensures that Runnymede residents can access the Heathrow Academy (which supports recruitment and retention of local residents across the retail, construction, aviation and logistics sectors), and can apply for apprenticeships at the airport, in its supply chain and airport related businesses (*10,000 apprenticeships have been publically committed by Heathrow Airport Ltd before 2030*).

Principle 6: There is no increase in level crossing down time in the Borough.

Principle 7: Heathrow Airport Ltd supports a Southern Rail Scheme through Surrey with improved access from within Runnymede to the Staines and Woking station stops, and includes direct access train services from the Windsor Line (Chertsey, Addlestone, etc) to Woking. The Council would also welcome the opportunity to engage in further dialogue regarding the pros and cons of having a station stop within the Borough before a final decision is made on the station stop locations.

Principle 8: Heathrow Airport Ltd fund other forms of enhanced public transport i.e. buses and cycle lanes, from the north of Runnymede to the airport following more detailed discussions with RBC through the Transport Sub-group of HSPG.

Principle 9: Heathrow Airport Ltd and the final preferred supplier responsible to deliver a Southern Rail Access scheme collectively support the delivery of the River Thames Scheme.