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Enterprise M3 Board Meeting

25 July 2019

Heathrow Airport Expansion Consultation – Item 6

Enterprise M3 Board Directors are asked to:

NOTE: the Heathrow Airport Expansion Consultation process.

DISCUSS: the principles for the formal response to the consultation from Enterprise M3.

AGREE: for the Chief Executive to submit the formal response to the Heathrow Airport Expansion Consultation following discussion at the Board meeting and input from Board members and the Transport Action Group.

1. Background

- 1.1 The Board has received regular updates on the proposals to expand Heathrow and the LEP involvement in the Heathrow Strategic Planning Group (HSPG.) This paper introduces Heathrow Airport Limited's (HAL) statutory consultation on expansion and will include a presentation by Lisa Childs, Senior External Affairs Manager at HAL, with an opportunity for Board members to discuss and ask questions.
- 1.2 The Enterprise M3 area is a gateway to global markets with extraordinary international and national connectivity. The success of the Enterprise M3 economy in Hampshire and Surrey depends heavily on the strong links to Heathrow Airport. This area is one of the highest performing economies in the UK, and one of the key factors that underpins this success is our proximity to Heathrow Airport. This strong and resilient economy offers opportunities for growth which cannot be realised without additional capacity at Heathrow.
- 1.3 Heathrow expansion will provide an opportunity to grow the sub-regional economy as well as exports. Locally, nearly 10,000 Enterprise M3 LEP area residents work at Heathrow, and with additional jobs created with the confirmed expansion, this could rise to 25,000 jobs.
- 1.4 The LEP has identified that additional runway and terminal capacity with associated surface access improvements, notably southern rail access, would help attract and retain businesses within the area through connections to established and emerging markets.

2. Consultation

- 2.1 On 18 June 2019, HAL launched "Consultation 2", on their preferred proposals for developing and operating an expanded Heathrow, including the effects of expansion and how they intend to manage them. This consultation is a statutory process being carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Planning Act 2008 and associated legislation and guidance. In this consultation Heathrow are seeking feedback on:
 - their Preferred Masterplan for expansion;
 - their plans to operate the future airport;
 - their preliminary assessment of the effects of the airport's growth;
 - their plans to manage the effects of expansion.

- 2.2 This consultation will refine Heathrow's proposals before submission of their Development Consent Order (DCO) in 2020. The proposals are extensive and cover a very wide range of policies and proposals, many of which are not of direct interest to Enterprise M3. However, there are several key consultation documents that we should develop a view on and respond to.
- 2.3 These include the Economic Development Framework which sets out HALs approach to maximising the economic benefits of the airport as well as a suite of principles and objectives. It is cross cutting, covering business as usual and expansion and building on what HAL currently does. There is a focus is on linking individuals to jobs leading to meeting 10,000 target around apprenticeships. There are also important elements on tackling barriers to employment and links to surface access.
- 2.4 In addition to EM3 responding to the proposals in this consultation exercise the LEP will also respond as a member of HSPG, along with our neighbouring LEPs, local authorities and Transport for the South East.
- 2.5 The LEP has made public its support for the expansion of Heathrow Airport as a way of capitalising on the economic opportunities for the area through the enhanced role of Heathrow operating as Britain's Global Gateway. However, this support is not unconditional. It is essential the expansion is under pinned by fast, reliable connectivity to the airport from the EM3 area in order to maintain locational advantage. There is an urgent need for a firm commitment to strategic transport investment over and above Heathrow Airport's immediate needs. Therefore, we are extremely disappointed that Heathrow's preferred masterplan does not demonstrate a firm and unequivocal support for western and southern rail links to Heathrow. The suggestion that whilst these schemes are desirable HAL can deliver their surface access strategy and meet the public transport targets in the National Policy Statement based on bus, coach and congestion levies alone is unconvincing.
- 2.6 Our support also acknowledges that airport expansion needs to include appropriate mitigation measures related to the environment, noise and air quality.
- 2.7 The closing date of the formal consultation is on 13th September, in advance of the next Board meeting. It is proposed that the Chief Executive put together the LEP's formal response to this consultation, based on the principles outlined above, the discussion at the July Board meeting and any other input from Board members during the Summer. We will involve Ross McNally as board member lead on transport and Mike D'Alton, Chair of EM3 Transport Action Group.

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