
DURHAM TEES VALLEY AIRPORT MASTER PLAN

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of Report

1. The purpose of the report is to present to Members the Durham Tees Valley Airport Master Plan and the critical evidence that underpins the plan.

Background

2. Members will be aware that there is considerable uncertainty in respect of the future operating model for the airport. The airport is facing challenging times in an increasingly competitive market and at the same time is being hindered by national transport and fiscal policy. The Durham Tees Valley Airport is considered to be a strategic economic asset to the Tees Valley and wider economies and remains important to businesses connecting them to world markets and business networks.

In this context the owners of the airport, Peel Group, have produced a Master Plan for the airport with the objective of improving its financial and operating base in order to create more certainty about its future serving the Tees Valley, Durham and Yorkshire economies. This work has been led by the Peel Group but in close liaison with Tees Valley Unlimited, and officers from Stockton Borough Council and Darlington Borough Council.

It was agreed between the authorities that Stockton Borough Council would take the lead role from the public sector partners and coordinate this input. This has culminated in Stockton Borough Council considering the Master Plan and the evidence behind it through its scrutiny committee and it is appropriate for Darlington Borough Council to do likewise.

Attached to this report are the draft conclusions and recommendations from Stockton's Regeneration and Transport Select Committee that can usefully inform the Place Scrutiny considerations. Equally Stockton Borough Council would be interested to have any further feedback and input to its scrutiny Committee before it finalises the report.

The critical evidence that supports the Master Plan is available on the Council's web site and includes the documents listed in the background documents.

Professor Peter Nears, Strategic Planning Director, The Peel Group will present to the Place Scrutiny Committee and will respond to questions from the Committee.

The suggested terms lines of enquiry for the Committee are;

What are the main issues and overall aim of this review?

The aim of the review would be to provide appropriate challenge relating to Durham Tees Valley Airport (DTVA) plans, and to consider the implications of the outcome of the public consultation undertaken on the recent Master Plan proposals.

DTVA Ltd has consulted on proposals to put DTVA on a sustainable financial footing to secure its long term future. It is proposed that the airport primarily focus on general and business related aviation, creating a cluster of companies offering high value aviation related employment opportunities to the Tees Valley, whilst retaining the existing scheduled passenger services to Aberdeen and Amsterdam Schiphol Airports.

DTVA Ltd proposed that financial stability can only be achieved by minimising current deficit, investing in the airport real estate to gain higher revenues, and raising the required capital investment to build necessary infrastructure by releasing land for residential development.

Proposed key lines of enquiry:

Examine how the proposals within the Master plan would ensure a viable airport going forward and how future investment will seek to develop the airport related businesses.

Examine evidence that all reasonable endeavours have been made to retain a fully serviced airport, including following up all previous interest, discussions with airlines and development opportunities with other airports.

Provide an initial view as to how this review could lead to efficiencies, improvements and/or transformation:

To address public interest surrounding future of DTVA.

To seek to ensure retention and modest growth of existing markets as well as direct routes to Amsterdam Schiphol and Aberdeen Airports.

To seek to ensure the development of airport related and general businesses.

To seek to ensure that DTVA continues to be a vibrant economic asset for the Tees Valley

Recommendation

8. It is recommended that Members consider the reports and evidence presented and provide feedback to the Peel Group, Stockton Borough Council and Cabinet.

Ian Williams
Director of Economic Growth

Background Papers

Stockton borough Council Scrutiny Review of The Future of DVTA

DTVA Master Plan
DTVA Final Consultation Report
Aviation Policy Framework – Secretary of State for Transport
DTVA Economic Impact Assessment Final Report - Regeneris
DTVA Tees Valley Factsheet – Tees Valley Unlimited

Appendices

Appendix 1 - Scrutiny Review of The Future of DVTA
Appendix 2 – DTVA Master Plan
Appendix 3 – Final Consultation Report
Appendix 4 - Aviation Policy Framework
Appendix 5 - DTVA Economic Impact Assessment Final Report
Appendix 6 – DTVA Tees Valley Factsheet

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S17 Crime and Disorder	The document sets out the Council's broad vision at high level which includes objectives specifically relation to tackling crime and disorder.
Health and Well Being	The document sets out the Council's broad vision at high level which includes objectives specifically relation to improving Health and Wellbeing within the Borough.
Carbon Impact	There are no specific carbon impact implications in this report but the report does set out specific objectives in relation to sustainability.
Diversity	The report has no specific impacts on individuals but sets out an overall objective of fairness in relation to all that the Council does.
Wards Affected	All wards are affected equally.
Groups Affected	All groups are affected equally.
Budget and Policy Framework	This report seeks approval of the draft vision which will form part of the Sustainable Community Strategy which sits within the Council's policy framework.
Key Decision	This is not an executive decision.
Urgent Decision	This is not an executive decision.
One Darlington: Perfectly Placed	This report articulates the overall vision for the delivery of One Darlington: Perfectly Placed.
Efficiency	There are no specific efficiencies arising from this report, however it sets out the vision alongside the Council's MTFP to ensure that the delivery of the vision is resourced.