

## Report to the Executive Member for Policy, Strategy and Finance for Decision

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| <b>Portfolio:</b>           | Policy, Strategy and Finance  |
| <b>Subject:</b>             | <b>Attendance at Local Government Association Strategic Aviation Special Interest Group</b> |
| <b>Report of:</b>           | Director of Regulatory and Democratic Services  |
| <b>Strategy/Policy:</b>     |   |
| <b>Corporate Objective:</b> |   |

### **Purpose:**

This report seeks approval for the Executive Leader and Fareham Borough Council's representative on the Daedalus Strategy Group to attend the Local Government Association Strategic Aviation Special Interest Group, to be held on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2013 in Guilford.

### **Executive summary:**

The Strategic Aviation Special Interest Group (SASIG) of the Local Government Association, in partnership with the Mayor of London, is holding an event to discuss the role of aviation in generating regional growth to protect the UK's position as a global trading nation.

Access to a comprehensive network of cities all over the world is a key element of the UK's economic prosperity. Aviation is vital to this connectivity, and the manner in which aviation services can further economic prosperity is under examination.

The event will examine:

- The context of the Airports Commission, which is chaired by Sir Howard Davies
- The forecast growth in demand for aviation capacity and application of the forecasts
- Local Authorities' responsibilities in providing travel and employment opportunities together with reducing local burdens
- The Mayor of London's proposals for a new hub airport to the east of the Capital, setting out the potential benefits of additional aviation capacity
- Implications of connectivity within the south east for the rest of the UK.

### **Recommendation:**

That approval be given for the Executive Leader and Fareham Borough Council's representative on the Daedalus Strategy Group to attend the Local Government Association Aviation Special Interest Group meeting, to be held on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2013 in Guilford.

**Reason:**

In view of the current regeneration of the Daedalus Airfield site, it is thought that attendance at this meeting will assist with building members' understanding and knowledge of the role of aviation in generating local growth. It will also enable members to meet with other Councillors/representatives and learn from their experiences of similar developments.

**Cost of Proposals:**

There is no cost for attending this meeting, however expenditure would be payable for travelling and appropriate subsistence.

The costs can be met from within existing budgets.

**Risk Assessment:**

There are no significant risks in relation to the Executive Leader and Fareham Borough Council's representative on the Daedalus Strategy Group attending this meeting.