
EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE HELD ON 31 OCTOBER 2011

**EX.133/11 REFERENCE FROM THE AUDIT COMMITTEE: CARLISLE AIRPORT –
AUDIT COMMISSION REPORT**
(Non Key Decision)

Portfolio Governance and Resources

Subject Matter

Pursuant to Minute AUC.61/11, consideration was given to a reference from the Audit Committee in relation to the Audit Commission's report on Carlisle Airport. The Audit Committee had resolved:

"1) That the District Auditor be thanked for her advice and input into the meeting;

2) That the following recommendations from the Audit Commission report (GD.55/11) be agreed:

That recommendation 1 be accepted and evidence be included in the Action Plan which showed how officers had implemented the recommendation;

That recommendation 2 be accepted and the Action Plan contain the District Auditors comments that it was better for the Council to make the correct decision rather than the incorrect decision in the right timescale, if an application has to be deferred the reasons should be made public where possible;

That recommendation 3 be accepted and the Action Plan should include evidence of how the legal section intended to action the recommendation and a report should be provided on the matter at the next meeting of the Audit Committee;

That recommendation 4 be accepted and reports to committee should include a audit trail of legal advice given and any action taken in response to legal advice;

That recommendation 5 be accepted and an Officers Planning Code of Practice or an amended Officer Code of Conduct be developed for the City Council;

That recommendation 6 be accepted;

That recommendation 7 be accepted and written evidence be produced to show that Members on all regulatory committees had undertaken training before they take part in the decision making process of regulatory committees. That it also be noted that Members had the opportunity to ask officers for advice if and when required;

That recommendation 8 be accepted;

That recommendation 9 be accepted;

That recommendation 10 be accepted;

3) That an update on the Action Plan be submitted to the Audit Committee in three months;

4) That the full minute of the Audit Committee regarding the Audit Commission report be submitted to the Executive.

A copy of the Minute Excerpt had been circulated.

The Chairman of the Audit Committee explained that the entire Minute was submitted to the Executive because of the importance of the matter and to ensure a complete audit trail. The District Auditor had presented the report, stating that there was no unlawful item of account. The Audit Committee had considered each of the recommendations in turn as detailed within Minute AUC.61/11, and would receive an update on the Action Plan in three months time.

The Leader was pleased to note the considerable amount of work already undertaken and thanked the Audit Committee for keeping the Executive informed.

The Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder was pleased to note that there had been no unlawful item of account. He welcomed the Audit Committee's recommendations and ongoing interest in the matter.

Summary of options rejected None

DECISION

That the Executive welcomed the submission of Minute Excerpt AUC.61/11, together with the Audit Committee's ongoing interest in the Carlisle Airport: Audit Commission Report and Action Plan.

Reasons for Decision

To respond to a reference from the Audit Committee.