



# Strategic Planning & Environment

## Overview & Scrutiny

### Agenda

**TUESDAY 23 JANUARY 2018 AT 7.30 PM**

#### **Conference Room 2 - The Forum**

The Councillors listed below are requested to attend the above meeting, on the day and at the time and place stated, to consider the business set out in this agenda.

#### Membership

Councillor G Adshead  
Councillor Anderson (Chairman)  
Councillor Barrett  
Councillor Birnie  
Councillor Fisher  
Councillor S Hearn  
Councillor Hicks

Councillor Howard (Vice-Chairman)  
Councillor Matthews  
Councillor Ransley  
Councillor Riddick  
Councillor Timmis  
Councillor C Wyatt-Lowe

#### **Substitute Members:**

Councillors Bateman, England, Link, McLean, Ritchie, R Sutton and Tindall

For further information, please contact Katie Mogan or Member Support

### **AGENDA**

**1. MINUTES**

To agree the minutes of the previous meeting.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive any apologies for absence.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To receive any declarations of interest.

**4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**5. CONSIDERATION OF ANY MATTER REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE IN RELATION TO CALL-IN**

None

**6. DOG WASTE BIN CONTRACT (Pages 3 - 6)**

**7. ANNUAL REVIEW OF COMPLAINTS (Pages 7 - 8)**

**8. HOUSING WHITE PAPER "RIGHT HOMES IN THE RIGHT PLACES"**

The Assistant Director for Planning, Development and Regeneration will give an update on what the Council has said to the Government in connection with this consultation, and members are asked to decide what action/s if any to take.

**9. LUTON AIRPORT EXPANSION (Pages 9 - 11)**

**10. WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 12 - 13)**



<b>Report for:</b>	<b>SPAE Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee</b>
<b>Date of meeting:</b>	<b>23 January 2018</b>
<b>PART:</b>	<b>1</b>
If Part II, reason:	

<b>Title of report:</b>	<b>Dog Waste Bin Contract</b>
Contact:	Councillor Janice Marshall, Portfolio Holder for Environmental Services and Sustainability  Craig Thorpe, Group Manager, Environmental Services
Purpose of report:	To advise Members on plans to bring back in-house the dog waste bin emptying contract, review the amount of bins in the Borough and divert dog waste into general litter bins where appropriate.
Recommendations	That the report be noted and any comments be passed to the Portfolio Holder for her consideration.
Corporate objectives:	To provide a clean, safe and green environment
Implications:	<u>Financial</u>
'Value For Money Implications'	It is expected to achieve a £30k saving as a result of reducing the number of dog bins that need emptying.
Risk Implications	There could be a reputational risk if dog walkers are not made aware of their ability to use litter bins but suitable publicity will be arranged to mitigate this.
Equalities Implications	None arising from this report.
Health and Safety Implications	Risk of odour and handling of dog waste

- 1.0 Following a tendering process the contract to empty the Boroughs dog waste bins was awarded to TBS Hygiene Services on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2013. It was set to set to expire on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2017 however this has now been extended until 31st March 2018.
- 2.0 The Contract consists of the emptying of dog waste bins on a frequency dependent on their popularity and usage. There are 440 dog waste bins all of which are emptied weekly except 97 which are emptied twice weekly.
- 3.0 The value of the Contract is £52k per annum
- 4.0 The performance of the Contract has been satisfactory and generally public satisfaction has been good with few complaints however calls from the public have increased during the summer months and following Bank Holidays
- 5.0 Modelling suggests that the Council could make a revenue saving of £30k per year by phasing out the specialist dog bins and instead encouraging dog owners to use general litter bins. Officers have contacted colleagues in the Herts Waste Partnership to learn if any of them have undertaken similar projects. A number of other questions were also asked to which Officers are considering the responses.
- 6.0 The survey showed that all 9 of our neighbouring Authorities have a number of dog bins however all of them accept dog waste in general litter bins. Some of our neighbours actively encourage disposal of dog waste in general litter bins by placing stickers on them.
- 7.0 In terms of the risk of odour this has not been raised as an issue with any neighbouring Authority. It is felt that as the dog waste is disposed of amongst other waste streams which do carry odours, and dispersed within a larger container, this serves to eliminate odours.
- 8.0 It is accepted that bins do smell, particularly in the summer, this in itself is not a health risk it just isn't pleasant
- 9.0 In terms of the health or safety implications of dog waste bins these are marginal and similar to those that currently exists in the litter bins.
- 10.0 The main risk from dog waste is from Toxocariasis (Roundworm). These, in extreme cases can cause blindness, however, the eggs from the parasite are also found in fox faeces and mainly left on the soil where the faeces hits the floor (from infected animals). Therefore the risk is greater from contaminated soil or sand (children dropping food on the floor etc.) rather than it being bagged and left within a litter bin.
- 11.0 In terms of litter bins in general, there is a potential to contract a great number of diseases including, Salmonellosis, Shigellosis, Hepatitis A, Tetanus, Staphylococcal skin infections to name but a few. Generally they are not clean and advice has always been to wash hands after handling rubbish. That said the risk is still low.
- 12.0 With regard the health and safety of the operatives emptying the bins the dog waste is contained in "dog poo bags" and then further contained in the bin liner itself. In addition all crews are issued with PPE including gloves.
- 13.0 Human Resources are in discussions with the current service provider to determine whether TUPE applies which would enable the current operative to transfer into DBC's ranks.

- 14.0 In readiness of this bins that have been in need of repair or replacement have been marked as “out of service” and dog walkers requested to dispose of their dog waste in the nearest litter bin located nearby. We have received no complaints thus far.
- 15.0 A further rationalisation of dog waste bins, and their location in relation to general litter bins, has been undertaken and it is envisaged that a further 176 dog waste bins could be removed.
- 16.0 A further 78 bins require surveying
- 17.0 It is intended to set a number of parameters around the removal of dog waste bins such as not removing if there is no general litter bin in the immediate vicinity. A larger general litter bin can also be installed in areas of high usage.
- 18.0 Litter bins will be closely monitored for usage and where overflowing occurs then in the first instance the frequency of emptying will be increased and in the longer term the installation of a larger bin will be considered.
- 19.0 The dog waste bin used in Dacorum are capable of holding 35 litres of waste. General litter bins are sized 110 litres
- 20.0 It is intended to produce a press release nearer the time similar to the one produced by North Herts District Council. This can be seen in **Appendix 1**.

## Appendix 1



North Hertfordshire District Council

Changes to the way dog owners can dispose of their dog waste

PR Date: Thursday, 23 March 2017 - 9:15am

North Hertfordshire District Council (NHDC) is set to rebrand its litter bins to accept dog waste from April 2017 in a bid to save £29,000 a year. Instead, dog walkers will be encouraged to bag and dispose of dog waste in their purple bins or park litter bins across the district.

Using litter bins to dispose of dog waste eliminates the need for dog owners to find and use specific dog bins. There will also be an additional eighty litter bins installed in local parks as part of the move to help ease the increased volume that the litter bins will be accommodating. As the litter bins are also maintained more frequently than dog waste bins there is less chance of them overflowing.

To help with the rationalization of the district's dog bins and the move towards using litter bins for dog waste, the Council will launch an awareness campaign. Most dog owners are already dealing with their dog's poo responsibly; however, the campaign 'Bag it, Bin it' will raise further awareness and reinforce the Council's work to increase responsible dog ownership.

Vaughan Watson, NHDC's Head of Leisure and Environmental Services, said: "As we all know, the funding structures that have been in place until now are being seriously eroded at all levels by Central Government and cost cutting decisions like this are being made by local authorities across the country. Currently NHDC spends over £29,000 every year to maintain the 432 dog bins across the district. Sending the waste collected from litter bins together with dog waste to landfill for disposal will cut costs and will have less of an impact on our communities than other options considered.

"Most dog owners are very responsible and do pick up after their pets, but some people ignore the rules and this creates a problem for everyone. Using park litter bins for dog waste is something that neighboring authorities have already introduced, and they have been successful at managing the problem of dog fouling while reducing costs. We hope that dog owners everywhere will get behind us and support the campaign."

Notes to editors

North Hertfordshire currently has 432 dog waste bins across the district costing the Council £29,000 annually in maintenance costs. On 1 April 2017 NHDC plans to remove 260 dog bins and an additional 80 litter bins will be installed at locations not in direct sight lines of an existing litter bin.

Existing park litter bins will be rebranded to accept bagged dog waste so that all litter waste and bagged dog waste can be taken to landfill sites for disposal in a mixed collection. This cost cutting measure was agreed by Councilors at a meeting of the Council in February 2017 as part of the Service and Financial Planning process for 2017-18.

End



<b>Report for:</b>	<b>Strategic Planning and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b>
<b>Date of meeting:</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> January 2018</b>
<b>Part:</b>	<b>1</b>
If Part II, reason:	

<b>Title of report:</b>	<b>Annual Review of Complaints</b>
Contact:	Councillor Graham Sutton Portfolio Holder for Planning and Regeneration Councillor Janice Marshall Portfolio Holder for Environmental, Sustainability and Regulatory Services  Author/Responsible Officer: James Doe – Assistant Director (Planning, Redevelopment and Regeneration) David Austin – Assistant Director (Neighbourhood Delivery)
Purpose of report:	To provide Committee with an overview of complaints in the Planning and Neighbourhood Delivery areas.
Recommendations	That any comments from the Committee are passed to the Portfolio Holders for their consideration.
Corporate Objectives:	To challenge how we deal with complaints will support the achievement of our Corporate Objectives.
Implications:	<u>Financial</u>  None for this report

Risk Implications	N/A
Community Impact Assessment	N/A
Health And Safety Implications	None for this report.
Consultees:	None
Background papers:	None
Glossary of acronyms and any other abbreviations used in this report:	None

**Officers will give a presentation on the evening of the Committee.**

# Inform

Dec '17

[www.london-luton.co.uk/noise](http://www.london-luton.co.uk/noise)

## Agenda Item 9



London Luton Airport

### Summary of 2017

2017 has been a productive year for the Flight Operations team at LLA.

In response to community feedback, we purchased three new noise monitors which has allowed us to expand our portable noise monitoring programme in local communities effected by aircraft noise. Information gathered is published in the Community Noise Reports section of our website. [Click here](#) to view.

In April, we published our first bi-monthly community newsletter, Inform. This is designed to keep you up to date of LLA's progress on initiatives and projects conducted to minimise the impact of aircraft operations. All previous issues are available to read and download on our website [here](#).

Over the summer period, we conducted a Delayed Landing Gear Deployment Trial for arriving aircraft. The results were impressive and showed a reduction

in noise of 50% for residents in Stevenage, Dagnall and Whipsnade. This report can be seen on our website [here](#).

During 2017 we held 6 Public Surgeries at the following locations: Eaton Bray, Leighton Buzzard, Stevenage, Whitwell, Caddington and Baldock. The drop-in events provide an opportunity to speak to LLA's Flight Operations team face to face.



**99%** of departing aircraft complied with departure procedures in Oct and November

An aircraft is considered to comply with departure procedures if it remains within the Noise Preferential Route corridors, up to an altitude of 3,000ft during the day or 4,000ft during the night. On our RNAV route (26 Match/Detling), aircraft must remain within the corridor until an altitude of 4,000ft day and night.

A Continuous Descent Approach (CDA) is conducted by an aircraft on arrival. As an aircraft descends from 5,000ft, there should be no period of level flight longer than 2.5 nautical miles. This keeps the aircraft higher for longer and reduces the noise disturbance at ground level.

**88%** of arriving aircraft used Continuous Descent Approach procedures in Oct and November

### R-NAV Post Implementation Review - CAA Statement

In November, the CAA released a statement regarding the Post Implementation Review for the westerly RNAV Match/Detling route.

together with the data received from Luton as soon as our review is complete. No dates have been set for the completion of this work".

The statement reads: "the final PIR data was received on Mon 30 October; the CAA will review this data, and will publish the outcome of the PIR

As soon as we hear anything, you will too.

# What's next in 2018?

2018 is set to be another busy year for the Flight Operations team, working constructively with our local community.

We will be focussing on an Airspace Change Proposal for the westerly Match/Detling route. We are required to follow the regulatory process, CAP 1616, this is likely to take approximately two to three years.

In the first half of the year we will update our Noise Action Plan, as required under the Environmental Noise (England) Regulations 2006. This document will detail LLA's action plan to manage aircraft noise impacts over the 5 year period.

We will also be continuing our portable Noise Monitoring Programme and Public Surgeries (listed below).

## 2018 Public Surgeries

The Flight Operations team will be on hand to answer your questions at the following drop-in events:

### Ivinghoe Old School Community Hub

18th January 2018 from 4pm-7pm  
(Ivinghoe, Pitstone, Cheddington, Dagnall & Whipsnade residents)

### Markyate Y2K Hall

15th March 2018 from 4pm-7pm

### Wheathampstead Memorial Hall

9th May 2018 from 4pm-7pm

### Flamstead Village Hall

16th July 2018 from 4pm-7pm

### Redbourn Parish Centre (Main Hall)

27th September 2018 from 4pm-7pm

### Kensworth Village Hall

15th November 2018 from 4pm-6:30pm

## New website and animations

We know that talking about airports and aircraft noise can get rather technical, that's why we've updated our noise website and created some short animations.

We hope you'll find the website more user-friendly and easier to navigate. You can access the website [here](#), feel free to provide feedback as we are constantly looking for ways to improve it.

We have also introduced two new videos which help to explain our operations. One is titled 'Monitoring Noise Levels' and can be viewed [here](#), the other is 'Reducing Noise Levels' and can be viewed [here](#).



## **PRESS RELEASE - FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **LUTON AIRPORT EXPANSION AIMS “A HUGE THREAT TO RURAL COMMUNITIES” SAY CAMPAIGNERS**

As aspirations for further massive expansion to 36 million passengers and 240,000 flights are announced by the owners of Luton Airport, campaign groups angrily denounce the impacts on communities all around the airport.

Noise from flights to and from Luton already badly affects towns and villages in Hertfordshire as well Bedfordshire, and complaints about aircraft noise have increased ten-fold in some areas.

Surface transport on road and rail in the area is already near capacity, and the expansion permission given in 2013 to grow capacity to 18 million passengers over 15-years has reached 15 million already – 5 years earlier than projected – and has added 66% more flights on some routes.

Expansion was geared to promises about noise reduction, including introduction of quieter aircraft. In fact, just two new-engined planes use Luton, and many smaller quieter planes have been replaced by larger noisier ones. Noise control is in the hands of Luton Borough Council, which owns the airport and has not acted to constrain its rate of growth.

Promises of respite routes do not reduce the burden – they just add new impacts onto a wider set of communities.

Speaking for campaign group LADACAN, Andrew Lambourne said “A moral contract was established in 2013 to balance significant growth in noise impact with effective noise mitigations. Since then the aviation industry has taken everything it wants and given nothing. The Communities and Local Government Secretary of State Javid has refused to intervene at any stage, Luton Borough Council will not do anything to constrain the operations, therefore this airport is effectively unregulated. Further expansion at Luton is entirely out of keeping with its location in a rural area – and the noise issues from the last 4 years have not been resolved. We call for the creation of an independent noise regulator with the power to constrain growth until the aviation industry delivers noise reduction.”

On the question of sustainability he said “Ever-increasing carbon emissions from aircraft is simply not sustainable. Government must recognise that aviation is the fastest-growing source of greenhouse gases – and get it under control. It’s ludicrous to ignore emissions from aircraft once the wheels leave the ground.”

Speaking for campaign group STAQS, Sharon Hollingsworth said “Local residents have had enough of Luton Airport’s expansion. The increase in flights and the introduction of RNAV have resulted in a significant increase in levels of noise. There is also the real problem about how passengers will travel to the airport and the increase in cars on the roads as a result.”

**ENDS**

LADACAN (Luton And District Association for the Control of Aircraft Noise) and STAQS (St Albans Quieter Skies) are residents’ groups committed to seeking to control noise pollution from Luton Airport which affects local communities all around the airfield.

# Agenda Item 10

## STRATEGIC PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT Overview & Scrutiny Committee: Work Programme 2017/18

*Scrutiny making a positive difference: Member led and independent, Overview & Scrutiny Committee promote service improvements, influence policy development & hold Executive to account for the benefit of the Community of Dacorum.*

Meeting Date	Report Deadline	Items	Contact Details	Background information
23 January 2018	12 January 2018	Annual Review of Complaints (Part 1 or 2)	<p><b>David Austin</b> 01442 228355 Assistant Director for Neighbourhood Delivery <a href="mailto:david.austin@dacorum.gov.uk">david.austin@dacorum.gov.uk</a></p> <p><b>James Doe</b> 01442 228583 Assistant Director for Planning, Development &amp; Regeneration <a href="mailto:james.doe@dacorum.gov.uk">james.doe@dacorum.gov.uk</a></p>	
		Dog Waste	<p><b>Craig Thorpe</b> 01442 228027 Group Manager – Environmental Services <a href="mailto:craig.thorpe@dacorum.gov.uk">craig.thorpe@dacorum.gov.uk</a></p>	
		Luton Airport update		
		Housing White Paper "Right Homes in the Right Places"	<p><b>James Doe</b> 01442 228583 Assistant Director for Planning, Development &amp; Regeneration <a href="mailto:james.doe@dacorum.gov.uk">james.doe@dacorum.gov.uk</a></p>	
6 February 2018	26 January 2017	Joint Budget OSC ( <i>ideally no further items to be added</i> )	<p><b>James Deane</b> 01442 228278 Corporate Director for Finance &amp; Operations <a href="mailto:james.deane@dacorum.gov.uk">james.deane@dacorum.gov.uk</a></p>	
20 March 2018	9 March 2018	Budget Monitoring Q3		
		Environmental Services Q3 Performance Report	<p><b>David Austin</b> 01442 228355 Assistant Director for Neighbourhood Delivery <a href="mailto:david.austin@dacorum.gov.uk">david.austin@dacorum.gov.uk</a></p> <p><b>Craig Thorpe</b> 01442 228027 Group Manager – Environmental Services <a href="mailto:craig.thorpe@dacorum.gov.uk">craig.thorpe@dacorum.gov.uk</a></p>	<i>To review and scrutinise quarterly performance</i>
		Planning, Development and Regeneration Q3 Performance Report	<p><b>James Doe</b> 01442 228583 Assistant Director for Planning, Development &amp; Regeneration <a href="mailto:james.doe@dacorum.gov.uk">james.doe@dacorum.gov.uk</a></p>	<i>To review and scrutinise quarterly performance</i>
		Regulatory Services Q3 Performance Report	<p><b>David Austin</b> 01442 228355 Assistant Director for Neighbourhood Delivery <a href="mailto:david.austin@dacorum.gov.uk">david.austin@dacorum.gov.uk</a></p>	<i>To review and scrutinise quarterly performance</i>
		Annual Review – CSG and Refuse service	<p><b>David Austin</b> 01442 228355 Assistant Director for Neighbourhood Delivery</p>	

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	Parking Standards	<b>Heather Overhead</b> 01442 228083 Assistant Team Leader – Strategic Planning & Regeneration <b>James Doe</b> 01442 228583 Assistant Director for Planning, Development & Regeneration <a href="mailto:james.doe@dacorum.gov.uk">james.doe@dacorum.gov.uk</a>	
	Public Space Protection Orders	<b>David Austin</b> 01442 228355 Assistant Director for Neighbourhood Delivery <a href="mailto:david.austin@dacorum.gov.uk">david.austin@dacorum.gov.uk</a>	
	Affinity presentation		

**Items to schedule:** Dacorum Development Programme