

**TO: Planning Committee – 17 February 2004**

**SUBJECT: Public Speaking – Coventry Airport**

**FROM: Members' Services and Planning & Engineering**

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**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To seek confirmation of the procedure for the Planning Committee that considers the application for the new terminal at Coventry Airport.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 At its meeting on 26 January 2004 the Committee agreed a special procedure, allowing for the unprecedented levels of public interest, for the meeting which would determine the application for a new terminal at Coventry Airport. A copy of the procedure is attached as appendix 1.
- 2.2 Since the procedure, was adopted, officers have received a number of complaints from an action group against the expansion of Coventry airport, based outside the district, who have insisted that they should be allowed to speak and that the procedure adopted by the Committee is faulty.
- 2.3 Complaints have also been received from a Parish Councillor of the Parish Council within the area of Rugby Borough Council stating that if the Binley & Willenhall ward be allowed a representative to speak they should as well as they are next to the Binley & Willenhall ward.
- 2.4 Officers have considered these comments and felt it was necessary to seek re assurance from the Committee that they are happy with the agreed procedure.
- 2.5 Officers feel that the agreed procedure is satisfactory and goes beyond the normal procedure for Planning Committee to try to ensure that as many people as possible are able to address the Committee, and attend the meeting, whilst maintaining equality and not over-burdening the process.

**3. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 The agreed procedure be confirmed.

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**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Report and minutes of the Planning Committee 26 January 2004

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