

Report to the Council

Committee: Cabinet

Date: 18 December 2012

**Subject: Asset Management and
Economic Development Portfolio**

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Anne Grigg

Recommending:

That the report of the Asset Management and Economic Development Portfolio Holder be noted.

North Weald Airfield Review

The procurement exercise for the appointment of consultants to undertake the review of the Airfield has commenced. Tender documents have been issued to the 10 consultants on the Government Procurement Service Framework and a number of the consultants attended a site meeting at the Airfield on 30 November. At that meeting the process was fully explained and they were given a tour of the Airfield and the adjoining Council owned land. The tenders are due to be returned on 14 December, and the time table has been set as follows:

- assessment of tenders completed by 11 January 2013
- interview of top 5 consultants by the North Weald Airfield & Asset Management Cabinet Committee and North Weald District Members on 22 January at North Weald Airfield
- recommended appointment to Cabinet on 4 February
- consultants to commence commission on 18 February
- interim conclusions to be reported to the North Weald Airfield & Asset Management Cabinet Committee on 22 April
- further refinement of options and final recommendation(s) by 10 May
- details to local plan workshops scheduled for late May / early June
- final option(s) / recommendation(s) to Cabinet on 10 June 2013

The final recommendation(s) will then go forward and into the "Preferred Options" consultation phase of the local plan development process.

The above time table is extremely challenging, but it is essential that this review is undertaken in such a way, and completed, so as to properly inform the development of the local plan.