

## **Report to the Cabinet**

**Report reference: C/011/2007-08.**

**Date of meeting: 11 June 2007.**



**Epping Forest  
District Council**

**Portfolio: Leisure and Young People.**

**Subject: North Weald Airfield - Maintenance Budget.**

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### **Recommendations/Decisions Required:**

**That the Council be recommended to approve a carry forward of an £11,000 underspend from North Weald Airfield Maintenance Budget 2006/07.**

### **Report:**

1. In order to undertake essential survey works on the infrastructure of North Weald Airfield, sufficient provision was set aside within the maintenance budget for the Airfield in 2006/07.

2. The consultant engineers appointed to co-ordinate the project had to engage a specialist sub-contractor who unfortunately could not practically undertake some aspects of the work until 7/8 May 2007. The final survey report is due to be completed by 30 May 2007. As a result, whilst the order was raised in the 2006/07 financial year, the Council were not in receipt of the services until the 2007/08 financial year.

3. This report therefore requests that the Cabinet approve a carry forward of £11,000 underspend within the North Weald Airfield Maintenance Budget 2006/07, to fund the final payment of the works. If the Cabinet and the Council give such approval, the carry forward will be treated as DDF and will be included in the 2006/07 Outturn report, in early summer.

### **Statement in Support of Recommended Action:**

4. Although it would be possible to underspend in 2006/07, the Airfield requires ongoing maintenance to ensure its safe and efficient management. The maintenance programme for 2007/08 would inevitably suffer if resources had to be found in this year's budget.

### **Other Options for Action:**

5. To decline the request for a carry forward.

### **Consultation Undertaken:**

6. Robert West Consulting.

### **Resource implications:**

**Budget Provision:** Carry forward of £11,000 underspend from 2006/07 to 2007/08.

**Personnel:** Nil.

**Land:** North Weald Airfield.

**Council Plan 2006-10/BVPP reference:** Nil.

**Relevant Statutory Powers:** Local Government Act 1974.

**Background papers:** Held within Environmental and Leisure Services.  
**Environmental/Human Rights Act/Crime and Disorder Act Implications:** Nil.  
**Key Decision reference: (if required):** Nil.