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CITY OF BUSSELTON

MINUTES FOR THE AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 26 FEBRUARY 2016

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MINUTES

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD IN MEETING ROOM A2, HARRIS ROAD ADMINISTRATION, ON 26 FEBRUARY 2016 AT 9.00AM.

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Presiding Member opened the meeting at 9.11am.

2. ATTENDANCE

Presiding Member:

Cr Gordon Bleechmore

Members:

Cr Coralie Tarbotton

Cr Paul Carter

Cr Terry Best (Deputy Member from 9.26am)

Officers:

Mrs Naomi Searle, Director, Community and Commercial Services

Mrs Jennifer May, Manager Commercial Services

Miss Hayley Barge, Administration Officer, Governance

Apologies

Cr John McCallum

Approved Leave of Absence

Nil

Public

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3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr Michael Tonks asked the Committee the following questions.

Mr Tonks

Will comments made on the Noise Management Plan be considered by the Airport Advisory Committee?

Response, Presiding Member Gordon Bleechmore

All submissions received in relation to the Noise Management Plan will be reviewed by Officers as part of the usual process, submissions made are taken into consideration when Officers make recommendations to the Committee.

Mr Tonks

How will you get pilots to comply with the Noise Management Plan, particularly rules such as the 640ft height restrictions over wetlands?

Response, Manager Commercial Services

This was a condition of a previous Ministerial Statement, it was not set by the City of Busselton.

Mr Tonks

It is stipulated that flight training schools cannot conduct more than 25 hours a week, I believe this should not include Navigation Training.

Response, Director, Community and Commercial Services & Manager Commercial Services

This only relates to those flying in the Busselton-Margaret River Regional Airport air space and this will be specified in the Noise Management Plan.

4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Nil

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**5.1 Minutes of the Airport Advisory Committee meeting held on 12 February 2016****Committee Decision**

AIR1602/008 Moved Deputy C Tarbotton, seconded Councillor P Carter

That the Minutes of the Airport Advisory Committee Meeting held 12 February 2016 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED 3/0

9.26am Councillor Terry Best and member of the public Ken Manton entered the meeting.

6. REPORTS

6.1 BUSSELTON REGIONAL AIRPORT - NOISE MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEW

SUBJECT INDEX:	Busselton Margaret River Regional Airport
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:	Infrastructure assets are well maintained and responsibly managed to provide for future generations.
BUSINESS UNIT:	Commercial Services
ACTIVITY UNIT:	Commercial Services
REPORTING OFFICER:	Manager, Commercial Services - Jennifer May
AUTHORISING OFFICER:	Director, Community and Commercial Services - Naomi Searle
VOTING REQUIREMENT:	Simple Majority
ATTACHMENTS:	Attachment A Noise Management Plan - 2016 - DRAFT

PRÉCIS

This report presents the updated Busselton-Margaret River Regional Airport Noise Management Plan (2016) (NMP) following a review of the plan initiated by the State Government's decision to fund the upgrade of the Airport. The revised NMP will be advertised for public comment and be submitted to the Office of the Environmental Protection Authority as part of the environmental approval process for the Airport Development Project.

BACKGROUND

The concept of a Noise Management Plan (NMP) for the Busselton Regional Airport (BRA) was first initiated in 2009 when environmental consulting firm Strategen was engaged to prepare a NMP. This was in response to the first Fly in Fly out (FIFO) services commencing at the BRA and the need to address the restrictive hours of operations and conditions specified in Ministerial Statement 399 approved by the Minister for the Environment (October 1995). The key elements of Statement 399, that the then Shire of Busselton was looking to revise and seek approval from the Office of the Environmental Protection Authority (OEPA) and Minister for the Environment were;

"4.2 To achieve the objectives of condition 4.1, at all times during the operation of the aerodrome, the proponent shall ensure that noise emissions from the aerodrome activities, including emissions from aircraft using the aerodrome, do not cause noise levels at any residential premises in occupation to exceed an average of 55 dB(A)Ldn or a maximum of 65 dB L a slow, unless a specific variation to the maximum noise level is agreed to by the Minister for the Environment on advice of the Department of Environment and Conservation and following consultation with relevant agencies.

4.3 Where a variation has been granted by the Minister for the environment, as referred to in condition 4.2, the variation may only apply for operation between 0700 hours and 2200 hours, and the proponent shall ensure that the maximum noise level does not exceed 80 dB La slow and that the number of flights is limited "

A variation, described in condition 4.3 had been granted by the Minister for the Environment to allow two (2) flights per day between the hours of 0700 and 2200 with aircraft noise to be limited to 80 dB(A) to enable the first Skywest Airlines Fokker100 FIFO operations to commence.

Environmental consulting firm Strategen was engaged to prepare a draft NMP that was presented to the then Airport Advisory Group (AAG). The AAG was a working group made up of community members, three Shire Councillors, and representatives from the Busselton and Dunsborough Chambers of Commerce, Geographe Bay Tourism Association and the Busselton Aero Club.

The draft NMP was further developed by the AAG and in July 2010 a draft plan was presented to the Council for review and consideration. Furthermore, at this time the AAG was transitioned to an official committee of the Council, the Airport Advisory Committee (AAC), with four nominated Councillors. In October 2010, the newly formed AAC, requested City staff to review and update the draft NMP (developed by the AAG) and present a final draft to the Council for endorsement prior to being submitted to the OEPA for consideration. A final draft version of the NMP was presented to the Council for endorsement on 15 December 2010 followed by submission to the OEPA on the 1 February 2011.

A lengthy consultation period occurred with the OEPA, including a public consultation period of four weeks, prior to a final NMP being submitted to the OEPA Board for consideration and referral to the Minister of the Environment; Water for approval. The City of Busselton's Noise Management Plan (June 2012) was approved as part of Ministerial Statement 901 on the 22 June 2012.

As part of the annual compliance reporting detailed in the Ministerial Statement for the Busselton-Margaret River Regional Airport (BMRRA), the City of Busselton has the opportunity to review and submit proposed amendments or updates to the NMP. In a report presented to the Council at its meeting on 28 August 2013, City Officers presented a number of proposed changes, some were considered minor or not technical in nature and hence did not change the intent of the existing NMP. However, some of the proposed changes to the Hours of Operations were considered material under Condition 4-2 of the then Statement 901 and were advertised for public comment. Following Council endorsement, City Officers submitted a proposed, amended NMP to the OEPA for review and approval in September 2013.

The OEPA assessment resulted in the proposed material amendments being resubmitted by the City of Busselton as a Section 46 application under the Environmental Protection Act (1986), which occurred in March 2014. Following further discussions with the OEPA and gaining agreement on the proposed amendments, the City of Busselton submitted a final revised version of the NMP in December 2014, which came into effect in July 2015.

In June 2015, the State Government committed to funding the upgrade of the BRA. After reviewing a rigorous Business Case submitted by the South West Development Commission in 2013, and considering the views of the Steering Committee appointed by the then Minister for Transport to oversee the development of the Business Case, the Government publically committed to allocating funding for the redevelopment of the BRA.

The Airport Development Project Team was established soon after the funding announcement and one of the priority approval processes identified for the project was the environmental approvals required from the Minister of the Environment; Heritage. The environmental approvals specifically involve the City of Busselton applying to the Office of Environmental Protection Authority (OEPA) to amend the proposal description that underlies the current Ministerial Statement 1009 and submit a revised NMP that will allow for the proposed interstate air services resulting from the Airport Development Project. Following consultation with the OEPA, an Assessment of Proponent Information-Category A (API-A) is considered the most appropriate assessment application to amend the existing Ministerial Statement and implement a revised NMP.

As identified in the preparation of the Business Case and by the project team, one of the key constraints of the current NMP to future operations and viability of the BMRRA is the current hours of operations, hence Officers are proposing such changes. Officers are also recommending that the relevant sections of the NMP relating to noise acceptability, criteria, reduction measures and amelioration be updated to be in line with the recently updated Australian Standards *AS2021: Acoustics—Aircraft noise intrusion, Building Siting and Construction (2015)*. The recommended amendments to the NMP (2015) can be summarised into the following key areas listed below;

Description	Chapter(s) of the NMP	Comments relating to proposed NMP (2016)
Grammatical updates	All	Includes amendments such as airport name change (BRA-BMRRRA), typographical errors, index page update, addition of terms to 'Definitions page' etc These changes do not change the intent of the NMP (2015).
Inclusion of Airport Development Project information	Background (p3) Objectives for Development (p5)	Information relating to the upgrade of the Airport has been added as context in describing the future operations, expansion of infrastructure and objectives including management of aircraft noise.
Standard Operating hours	3.1.3 Standard Hours of Operations (p13-15)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Number of operating categories has been reduced from five to three (See Table 3) – Light and General Aviation categories have been combined into one; Open& closed Charter Flights and RPT services have been combined into one category. 2. In combining the Light Aviation and General Aviation categories the requirement for light aviation / Single Engine Aircraft under 2000kg MTOW not to exceed 65dB(A) has been removed. 3. All operating categories have unrestricted operating hours subject to aircraft noise not exceeding 85dB(A) and aircraft >5,700kgs MTOW requiring approval to operate.
Flight Training	3.1.5 Flight Training Guidelines (p19-22)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Aircraft type has been amended to include "Single engine aircraft" under 1500kgs MTOW 2. Single engine aircraft noise emissions has been changed from 'to be less than 65dB(A)' to 'to be less than 85 dB(A)'. 3. Times for flight training operations amended to Mon-Fri 8am – last light; Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays 9am -5pm.
Non-Conforming Activities	3.3.2 Approval for Non-Conforming Activity (p25-26)	Based on the assumption that the proposed amendments to the Standard Hours of operations are accepted this section will be deleted.
Methods for determining Noise Impacts and reduction measures	6.2 Noise reduction, Amelioration and Measures (p32-33)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Added information relating to the City's decision to adopt the AS2021;2015 Acoustics – Aircraft noise intrusion – Building siting and construction. 2. Added information on the preparation and use

		of ANECs and N-contours for the developed Airport.
Noise Acceptability Criterion	6.2.1 Noise Reduction Parameters (p33)	Inserted the acceptability definitions and noise levels detailed in AS2021;2015 Section 2.3 and Table E1.
Noise Amelioration	6.2.2 noise Amelioration as a Noise Reduction Technique (p34)	Inserted the building site acceptability criteria detailed in AS2021;2015 Table 2.1 and Table E1.
Implementation of NMP	9.3 Implementation Priorities (p45)	Deleted this section as originally included to detail the implementation actions of the NMP approved in 2012.

Table 1: Summary of proposed amendments to the NMP.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

The Noise Management Plan (22 June 2012) was approved by the then Minister for the Environment; Water after review and consideration by the Environmental Protection Authority. Compliance reporting and review of the NMP is defined under Ministerial Statement 1009; Busselton Regional Aerodrome.

As part of the Airport Development Project, the City of Busselton is required to seek environmental approvals for the project in accordance with the Environmental Protection Act (1986) from the Minister for the Environment; Heritage through the assessment processes of the OEPA. Following recent consultation with the OEPA, an Assessment on Proponent Information Category A (API-A) is considered the most appropriate process for the City to submit an application which will include the revised NMP. The City will submit the API-A referral application in accordance with the Environmental Protection Authority's Environmental Assessment Guideline 14 (EAG14) and the Environmental Protection Act (1986).

The BMRRRA operates in accordance with the following: Aviation Transport Security Act 2004, Aviation Transport Security Regulations 2005, CASA MOS 139, Council's Transport Security Plan and City policies and procedures.

RELEVANT PLANS AND POLICIES

This report is in-line with the City of Busselton's current Noise Management Plan and processes for monitoring and reporting of aircraft movements and proposed changes to update the NMP.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Commercial Services Business unit has an approved operational budget allocated to the maintenance and upkeep of the facility and aviation related services. None of the recommended changes to the NMP are expected to have an additional cost implication to the operational budget.

The Airport Development Project, funded by the State Government and overseen by the Project Governance Committee (PGC) has a budget allocated for the project approval processes, including the environmental approvals being sought.

One of the possible future actions resulting from the approval of the recommended changes to the NMP could be to perform noise monitoring at residential properties in the vicinity of the Airport. As such a budget allocation for noise amelioration has been included in the Airport Development Project and will be considered at the appropriate time.

Long-term Financial Plan Implications

An operational financial model was developed as part of the State Government Business Case proposal which incorporated a 10-year financial plan. The model considered revenues and costs associated with the upgraded facility, including up-front and recurrent capital and ongoing operational expenditure. The model demonstrates that the upgraded facility will be self-sustainable, generating a modest profit into the future, to be transferred into the City’s Airport Infrastructure Renewal and Replacement Reserve at the end of each financial year. It should be noted however that the revenue projections were based on Regular Public Transport (RPT) aircraft being able operated beyond the current Standard Hours of Operations as governed through the NMP.

The Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) is currently based on the current operations, and will require updating to reflect the Development Project, including ongoing operational and capital revenue and expenditure based on the funded project. This work has commenced.

STRATEGIC COMMUNITY OBJECTIVES

This report is consistent with the City of Busselton’s Strategic Community Plan (2013) community goals and objectives;

Well Planned, Vibrant and Active Places:

1. Infrastructure assets that are will maintained and responsibly managed to provide for future generations.

Connected City:

2. Transport options that provide greater links within our district and increase capacity for community participation.

RISK ASSESSMENT

An assessment of the potential implications of implementing the officer recommendation has been undertaken using the City’s risk assessment framework. The assessment identifies ‘downside’ risks only, rather than ‘upside’ risks as well. The table below describes identified risks where the residual risk, once controls have been identified, is identified as ‘medium’ or greater;

Risk	Controls	Consequence	Likelihood	Risk Level
Extending the Hours of Operation cause noise nuisance and complaints requiring noise monitoring and mitigation.	Monitor and assess any increase in aircraft traffic during the extended hours for the potential for noise complaints from the community.	Minor	Unlikely	Medium
NMP Public consultation results in OEPA API- A appeals process that could delay the commencement of the Development Project construction phases.	Community information sessions and private meetings held with members of the community on aircraft noise management. NMP public consultation period performed to assess community feedback.	Moderate	Unlikely	Medium

CONSULTATION

Officers will continue to consult with the OEPA, CASA, AirServices Australia, City of Busselton residents and wider community, airport users and stakeholders throughout the environmental approval process and Airport Development Project.

The City will utilise the API-A referral process to submit the revised NMP for approval. This process requires the City to complete a public and stakeholder consultation process prior to submitting the API-A application. As such the City of Busselton is undertaking the following public and stakeholder consultation;

Who	Meeting Forum	Description	Information Provided
Residents in vicinity of the Airport and/or near flight paths	Private meeting either at residents home or at the City offices.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief outline of the development project, objectives and infrastructure; • Predicted flight movements; • Predicted noise impacts including ANECs, N-Contours and flight paths • Noise Management Plan review 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City’s Noise brochure; • City project Fact sheet; • Information on External websites and agencies for further information.
Community information sessions	Information session for up to 12 people held at the City offices.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief outline of the development project, objectives and infrastructure; • Predicted flight movements; • Predicted noise impacts including ANECs, N-Contours and flight paths • Noise Management Plan review 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City’s Noise brochure; • City project Fact sheet; • Information on External websites and agencies for further information.
Decision Making Agencies (DMAs) engagement	Individual meetings with DMAs – Libby Mettam MLA Dept Of Water Dept Parks and Wildlife Dept of Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief outline of the development project, objectives and infrastructure; • Predicted flight movements; • Predicted noise impacts including ANECs, N-Contours and flight paths • Noise Management Plan review 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City’s Noise brochure; • City project Fact sheet; • Information on External websites and agencies for further information.
NMP Public Comment	Revised NMP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revised NMP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revised NMP

	advertised on the City's Airport website for public comment.	showing track changes advertised for 21 days for public comment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of changes and justification for changes • Information on API-a process
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Eighty seven letters were sent out to residential property owners in the vicinity of the airport inviting them to a private meeting regarding the Development Project and aircraft noise management associated with the BMRRA. A total of 8 meetings were booked with one resident cancelling prior to the meeting. The majority of feedback received from residents related to questions on flight paths and the possibility of flights late at night as well as asking to be kept informed of updates throughout the project.

Additionally, 1180 letters were sent out to property owners in residential areas approximately within 5km of the airport informing community members of the community information sessions and how to register. The community information sessions were also advertised in the local media. A total of five community sessions were held with between 10 and 14 people attending each session. As with the private meetings the main feedback received from the sessions related to questions on the flight paths and the possibility of flights late at night as well as requesting to be kept informed of updates throughout the project.

Following Council's consideration of the revised NMP, Officers will advertise the NMP for a period of 21 days from 14 March – 1 April 2016 on the City and Airport websites for public comment. All public submissions will be presented back to the Council and also included in the API-A referral application to be submitted to the OEPA.

OFFICER COMMENT

The NMP has now been in effect for over four years and has resulted in a positive impact for the BMRRA with increased charter services and a reduction in the number of noise complaints associated with the airport compared to previous years.

The initial review of the NMP provided an opportunity for the City to identify areas for improvement and make amendments to the plan that continued to safeguard the community and provide flexibility to airport users. As the BMRRA has now been identified strategically as a 'Gateway' airport for the South West Region and the upgrade to cater for interstate services has been funded, the second review of the NMP has considered current and future operations with appropriate controls allowing for flexibility in increased growth.

Officers are recommending a number of amendments to the current NMP, some of which are minor including grammatical and typographical changes and information relating to the Development Project, and therefore do not change the intent of the NMP. These amendments are considered minor in nature and under the current Ministerial Statement 1009 (condition 4.2) the CEO has the authority to approved these changes.

However, the proposed amendments to chapters 3.1.3 Standard hours of operation, 3.1.5 Flight Training Guidelines, 6.2 Noise reduction, Amelioration and measures are considered material and under condition 4.2 of Statement 1009 need to be considered by the OEPA for approval. These proposed amendments will be assessed by the OEPA through the API-A referral process. The proposed amendments are discussed below;

Standard hours of Operation

Officers recommend consolidating the number of different aircraft operating categories in this section. This is primarily to remove some of the confusion around the definitions of light and general aviation. The current NMP distinguishes between light and general aviation with light aviation aircraft being defined as single engine aircraft under 2000kg MTOW not exceeding 65dB(A) and general aviation including all other aircraft not included in the light aviation definition. There are instances where light aviation aircraft under 2000kgs MTOW exceed the 65dB(A) noise level and hence cause confusion for pilots leading to non-compliances. The current definitions also places responsibility on Airport staff for deciding if the noise level of light aircraft breaches the 65dB(A) based on published information which can be difficult to source. Hence, Officers are recommending that the light and general aviation categories are combined with the conditions that aircraft can have unrestricted operations, but do not exceed 85dB(A) and general aviation aircraft over 5,700kgs require prior approval to operate from in/out of the BMRRA.

Officers also recommend that the categories of open and closed charters and RPT services are combined into one category. The conditions proposed that apply to this category are for unrestricted operations with City approval and aircraft noise not to exceed 85dB(A).The justification for approved, unrestricted operations are to facilitate future interstate operations that may need to operate at ‘back of clock’ hours. In the City’s initial discussions with airlines interested in potentially servicing future interstate services from the BMRRA, have indicated that until the BMRRA route demand has been established they may want to fly unutilised aircraft between the hours of 1100pm – 0200am depending on the destination (Melbourne or Sydney). To ensure that noise is managed effectively, the City of Busselton will have an approval process for all aircraft in this category operating in/out of the BMRRA. The proposed amendments to the standard hours of operation are listed below;

Operator / Aircraft Type	Current Standard Hours of Operation	Proposed Standard Hours of Operation	Proposed Conditions
Emergency Services	UNRESTRICTED	UNRESTRICTED	Emergency situations and normal flight patterns
Light Aviation/ General Aviation	Light Aviation Single Engine Aircraft under 2000kg MTOW not exceeding 65dB(A)* General Aviation (Any aircraft that does not comply with the Light Aviation definition)	UNRESTRICTED	(training flights require approval under the Flight Training Guidelines) Subject to noise not exceeding 85dB(A)* Flight Training approval required (only available for aircraft below 1500kg MTOW and flight training conditions apply) Aircraft above 5,700kgs MTOW – City approval required
	0700 to 1900 May – November		

Open, Closed Charters, RPT/Commercial Operators	0600 to 2100 December - April Open and Closed Charter Flights 0600 to 2200 Regular Passenger Transport Flights 0600 to 2300	UNRESTRICTED	Subject to noise not exceeding 85dB(A)* City approval required
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Flight Training Guidelines

Officers recommend a number of amendments to this chapter. The first is to further define the type of aircraft that can perform flight training from the BMRRA by including 'single engine aircraft' under 1500kgs MTOW in the definition. This will ensure that flight training is restricted to the smaller light aircraft and hence minimise the noise impact from training. Further, the daily hours allowable for flight training have been amended to reflect an even spread of hours throughout the week and on public holidays.

Non-Conforming Activities

The current NMP allows for the CEO to approve twelve non-conforming activities per reporting year. Non-conforming activities are flight activities that operate outside of the standard hours of operations and approved for operations in support of delayed scheduled FIFO services and events such as the Variety Charity Bash or Leeuwin Concerts that occur annually. Based on the acceptance of the proposed amendments to chapter 3.1.3 Standard Hours of Operations, chapter 3.3.2 Non-Conforming Activities can be deleted from the NMP.

Noise Reduction, Amelioration and Measures

The current NMP (2015) approach to noise reduction, amelioration and noise criterion is based on the inclusion of building siting criteria and noise acceptability criteria from a number of different sources including the superseded Australian Standard 2021;2000. Officers recommended that the revised NMP be based on the AS2021;2015 standard and use a combination of criteria from the standard that relates to aerodromes with Australian Noise Exposure Forecast (ANEFs) and for aerodromes that do not have ANEFs.

The recommendations from government, regulatory bodies and the aviation industry for measuring and predicting noise impacts at Australian airports is broadly based on the use of the ANEF system. The ANEF system was developed in 1980 following results from surveys from the existing system in use in Australia at that time (the NEF system) which was then modified to suit Australian conditions and became termed the ANEF system. The ANEF system was developed as a land use planning tool aimed at controlling encroachment on airports by noise sensitive buildings. The system underpins Australian Standard AS2021 'Acoustics—Aircraft noise intrusion—Building siting and construction'. The Standard contains advice on the acceptability of building sites based on ANEF zones and for aerodromes do not have ANEFs (ANEFs are not considered a suitable tool for light aviation aerodromes that do not have jet aircraft operations), building site acceptability using decibel (dB(A)) levels.

The proposed amendments to this section of the NMP include a combined approach of using the ANEF zones and decibel levels to determine the acceptable, conditionally acceptable and unacceptable aircraft noise levels for buildings (including homes, units, flats) potentially impacted by

aircraft noise. The acceptability criteria vary depending on the type of land use. The Table below details the recommended criterion taken from AS2021; 2015 to be included in the NMP;

Outdoor Noise Criterion
<p>Noise Amelioration action is required where L_{Amax} regularly exceeds² –</p> <p>(1) 85dB(A); or</p> <p>(2) 80-85dB(A) for >15 events¹ per day; or</p> <p>(3) 75-80dB(A) for >30 events¹ per day; or</p> <p>Notes:</p> <p>(1) Each aircraft noise event occurring between 7pm and 7am is to be counted as 4 events.</p> <p>(2) Regularly exceeds consists of events arranged in or constituting a constant and definite pattern, especially with the same space between individual circumstances. Noise generated by Emergency Services Aircraft operating in emergency situations are not to be taken to count towards the monitored noise events for amelioration purposes.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Table 2.1 Building Site Acceptability based on ANEF Zones in AS2021:2015; where a house, home, unit, flat, caravan park falls in the 20-25 ANEF zone</p>

Officers have used a combination of criterion from AS2021;2015 applicable to both aerodromes with and without ANEFs. This approach is to ensure that the community is provided with a suitable level of protection from aircraft noise.

CONCLUSION

The NMP has been in effect for over three years now and has been subject to one review. With the funding secured from the State Government to upgrade the BMRRRA and the required environmental approval process underway for the project, there is a need to update the current NMP. As such Officers have reviewed the NMP and are proposing amendments to a number of sections, in particular the standard hours of operations, flight training guidelines, noise reduction, amelioration and noise criterion measures. This report presents the proposed amendments to the NMP to be advertised for public comment for a period of 21 days and then to be included in the API-A referral application to the OEPA.

The proposed amendments have been drafted to allow and support the development of the BMRRRA, particularly with the funding announcement to upgrade the airport to operate interstate services to Melbourne and Sydney, and continue to provide protection to the community from aircraft noise. Areas included in NMP such as the noise complaints process and request for noise amelioration assessment have been reviewed and remain in place without any amendments. Where amendments are being proposed, Officers have also considered appropriate control measures such requiring approval for operations.

OPTIONS

The Council may choose not to support the Officers recommendation and;

1. Reject the second review and proposed amendments for the NMP; or
2. Support the review of the NMP however recommend alternative amendments to the NMP;

TIMELINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

The revised NMP will be advertised for public comment following Council endorsement for 21 days from 14 March – 1 April 2016 on the City and Airport websites for public comment. All public submissions will be presented back to the Council and also included in the API-A referral application to be submitted to the OEPA by the end of April 2016.

Committee Recommendation and Officer Recommendation

AIR1602/009 Moved Councillor P Carter, seconded Deputy C Tarbotton

That the Council:

1. Notes and supports the second review of the Busselton-Margaret River Regional Airport (BMRRA) Noise Management Plan and the proposed amendments as per the attached draft BMRRA Noise Management Plan (2016).
2. Endorses the draft BMRRA Noise Management Plan (2016) for public comment for a period of 21 days with public submissions to be referred to Council for consideration.

CARRIED 4/0

7. GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEMS

The Presiding Member gave Mr Ken Manton the opportunity to ask the Committee questions due to the fact that he arrived after Public Question Time.

Mr Manton

Would you consider divorcing from the Environmental Protection Authority and taking control of the Noise Management Plan of the Busselton-Margaret River Regional Airport independantly?

Response, Director, Community and Commercial Services

The City is working with the EPA and the intention of the environmental approval process is for the City to be able to self-manage the Airport in accordance with the Noise Management Plan.

8. NEXT MEETING DATE

Wednesday, 23 March 2016

9. CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 10.11am.

THESE MINUTES CONSISTING OF PAGES 1 TO 15 WERE CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD ON WEDNESDAY, 23 MARCH 2016.

DATE: _____

PRESIDING MEMBER: _____