



Agenda Item:	Reference: HACC.486
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Mayor of London – views on matters concerning Heathrow Airport	

Report by the Technical Adviser

1. Members will be aware that the Mayor of London can, and does, exercise his powers in a variety of ways which affect Heathrow Airport and its environs.
2. These include public transport, parking, air quality, tourism, strategic and economic planning and, for some classes of airport development, the refusal or imposition of conditions where planning permission is required.
3. The Mayor is required by law to participate in a Question Time session with the Members of the London Assembly which exercises a “watchdog” role over some of the Mayor’s activities.
4. At Mayor’s Question with the Assembly on March 21 2007, the Minutes of which are now available, during a discussion on the Mayor’s Climate Change Action Plan, a number of matters concerning Heathrow Airport were raised and commented upon. Mr Livingstone also took the opportunity to express his views about the justification for continuance of London City Airport and Biggin Hill Airport, both of which provide support facilities to cater for demands which cannot now be met at Heathrow and Gatwick airports.
5. Amongst these matters were:-
 - Implications for the Mayor’s Climate Change Plan
 - Low Emission Zone at Heathrow and possible Congestion Charge
 - The London Plan – change of policy on new South East runways
 - Aviation Fuel Tax
 - Heathrow Express and Crossrail
6. A copy of the relevant extract from the Minutes of the meeting is annexed to this report.