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Request for Official Information responded to under the Local Government and Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) – reference: 7412711

I refer to your information request we received on 1 September 2020 for the following:

Could I please have a copy of the resolution in respect of the proposal to ask Government to obtain return of the airport to public ownership passed by the Council at its meeting on 27 August. I am unable to locate a copy of the resolution in the agenda and the minutes do not yet appear to be posted on the website.

Could I also have a copy of any legal opinions obtained by the Council on the issue. This includes the operation of the relevant Public Works Act provisions affecting former owners and the mechanism for acquiring the land from its current owners.

Council response regarding your request

With regard to the 'resolution in respect of the proposal to ask Government to obtain return of the airport to public ownership', the resolution does not appear in the meeting agenda as it was drafted at short notice, and after the agenda was finalised.

Below is an excerpt from the meeting, we will also be making this available on our Council website soon.

I can confirm that at its meeting on 27 August, the Council passed the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 2020/32

Moved: Mayor K Gurnathan


Seconder: Cr James Cootes

This Council, in supporting the call by the original owners of the airport land for the return of their ancestral land, requests the CEO to bring back a staff report on progressing this matter.

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With regard to your request for legal opinions on the return of the airport to public ownership I can confirm that at this point no legal advice has been sought.

Yours sincerely

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Tim Power
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