HSR/SLR WORKING GROUP

REMIT

Within twelve months to evaluate both options and determine which, if any, are suitable and take the recommendation back to the BIG Committee.

Due to potential a conflict of interest (council officers support the SLR proposal), the working group shall consist only of councillors who are impartial from the outset, assessing objectively and equally each proposal.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall comprise of those on the BIG Committee, broken down as follows: all-party (2 Conservatives, 2 LlbDems, 2 Labour, 1 Green and 1). Substitutes are permissible in accordance with Council meeting practice.

The Chair will be nominated by members of the working group.

MEETINGS

The group will meet as often as is necessary with due notice of such meetings given to all as far in advance as possible. In addition, external visits to look at existing infrastructure at Heathrow and an example of an existing light railway (Luton Airport) will be arranged.

OBJECTIVES

To examine in detail each option, the method by which each are financed and the impact on the environment and the resident population. The group will consult with local residents' groups and other stakeholders as appropriate.

MINUTES

A record of each meeting and site visit shall be kept for members' reference and for transparency.

OUTCOME

At the end of this process, the working group is to give a clear recommendation as to which option, if any, they recommend back to the BIG Committee.