

## **31<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL MEETING BETWEEN AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES**

### **BUSINESS MEETING**

**THURSDAY, 14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2007 COMMENCING AT 9.15 A.M.**

Chairman of the Meeting, Mr. Morris le Fleming, Stansted Airport Consultative Committee

Secretary to the Conference, Mr. Mike Kendall, Honorary Secretary, Gatwick Airport Consultative Committee.

9.15 a.m.      Items for Discussion

1.      **Notes** of the business meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2006 attached.
2.      **Matters arising** from the last meeting which are not covered elsewhere on the agenda.
3.      **"The Future of Air Transport" White Paper - Progress**
  - (a) Mr. Jonathan Sharrock, Head of Airports Policy, DfT, will provide an overview of the Air Transport White Paper, the progress since 2003 and developments through the Eddington and Stern reviews.
  - (b) By way of background information, the attached paper summarises the main areas of progress as set out in the DfT's Progress Report published on 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2006 and suggests key areas which airport consultative committees will need to keep under review.
4.      **Surface Access Projects at Airports**
  - (a) Ms. Lola Fadina, Airports Policy Division, DfT, will explain how airports are being considered in the context of the Eddington Study and the next steps.
  - (b) The delivery of surface access improvements to support airport growth is an ongoing concern for many consultative committees. The attached paper reminds delegates of the responsibilities placed on the airport operators in bringing forward surface access projects. A note providing an update on the progress made on schemes at airports represented on the Liaison Group will be circulated separately.
5.      **Civil Aviation Act 2006**

The attached paper summarises the main provisions of the new Civil Aviation Act and describes the DfT's plans to involve airport consultative committees in the monitoring of the implementation of the new powers at airports.
6.      **Planning for a Sustainable Future: White Paper**

Following the Barker Review, the Government published on 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2007 its White Paper on Planning. A paper summarising the proposed changes to the planning system insofar as it relates to major infrastructure projects is being prepared and will be circulated separately.
7.      **Airport Security**

Over the past year there have been many changes in the airport security regime. The attached paper aims to update the Liaison Group on the current issues and developments.

8. ***European Draft Directive on Airport Charges***

The European Commission has announced its “airport package” consisting of three key initiatives one of which is a proposal for a directive on airport charges. The DfT is currently undertaking a consultation on the draft Directive in order to establish a UK position for negotiating the terms of the Directive. The attached paper informs committees of the implications of the draft Directive and suggests a form of response to the DfT.

9. ***Access to Air Travel for People with Reduced Mobility (PRMs)***

The provision of services for PRMs remains a front line issue for airports and over the last year there have been a number of important developments. The attached paper brings the Liaison Group up to date with the current position, including details of the consultation by the DfT on the enforcement of the new EU Regulation. A separate note will be circulated before the meeting giving details of the work being undertaken at some of the airports represented on the Liaison Group in preparing for the new EU legislation.

10. ***DfT Study – Attitudes to Noise from Aircraft Sources in England (ANASE)***

The DfT’s research study into how people feel about aircraft noise and the perceived relationship between noise levels and annoyance, or sleep disturbance at night is due to be reported later this year. The attached paper provides an update on the current position.

11. ***European Directive 2002/49/EC - Assessment and Management of Environmental Noise***

The attached paper provides an update on the progress made in producing strategic noise maps as required under the provisions of the Directive.

12. ***Climate Change and Aviation***

For several years the Liaison Group has been kept informed of the steps being taken both in the UK and in Europe to deal with the impact of aviation emissions on climate change. The attached paper summarises the progress made on these ideas and also on the recent sharpening of public awareness of the climate change issues and perceptions as to how far aviation contributes to this. The paper also reports on the Gatwick Airport Consultative Committee’s discussion on ways in which global warming can be addressed at local level.

13. ***European Aviation Update***

The attached paper provides a brief update of the current EU activity in respect of aviation matters.

14. ***Membership of the Liaison Group***

The attached paper provides an update on air traffic growth at UK airports and gives details of those airports that now fall within the Liaison Group’s admission criterion.

15. ***UKACCs – Support Service***

The support arrangements have been in operation since 2002. The attached paper provides an update on the work of the support service during the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007.

16. ***Any Other Business***

Delegates are invited to raise any other items, not considered elsewhere on this agenda, which requires the consideration of the Annual Meeting.

17. ***Venues for Future Conferences***

2008 – Heathrow

2009 – Luton

2010 – Durham Tees Valley

2011 - Aberdeen