

## MEMBERSHIP OF UKACCS LIAISON GROUP

### Introduction

1. The present criterion for membership of the Liaison Group is that an airport should have a passenger throughput of 0.6 mppa or more. There are currently 22 UK airports represented on the Liaison Group. This report provides an update on the air traffic growth at UK airports and gives details of those airports that now fall within the Liaison Group's admission criterion.

### Air Traffic Growth

2. The Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) published the 2006 air traffic statistics for UK airports in mid March. The figures show that UK airports handled 236 million passengers in 2006, an increase of over 4% on 2005.
3. Passenger traffic at the five main London airports - Heathrow, Gatwick, Stansted, Luton and London City - grew by 3% to a total of 137 million passengers. The biggest increases were logged at London City (18%) and Stansted (8%).
4. Passenger traffic at the UK's regional airports grew by 4% to a total of 99 million passengers. Among the ten largest regional airports, the fastest growing were Nottingham East Midlands (13%), Aberdeen (11%), Liverpool (10%) and Bristol (10%).
4. Air transport movements (landings and take-offs of commercial aircraft) grew to 2.376 million, an increase of 2% compared with 2005. At regional airports air transport movements (atms) reached a total of 1.315 million, an increase of 2% on 2005. The London airports handled 1.061 million atms, up 2% on 2005. The biggest increases in atms were at Doncaster Sheffield (39%), Aberdeen (9%), London City (9%), Bristol, (7%), and Cardiff (6%). The figures record a decline in the number of atms at Birmingham (4%), Liverpool (3%), Manchester (2%) and Belfast City (1%)

### Membership of the Liaison Group

5. Annexed to this paper is a list showing the 2006 passenger throughput and atms totals for the major UK airports. Those airports which are designated for the purposes of consultation under s. 35 of the Civil Aviation Act 1982, and should thus have a consultative committee, are asterisked.
6. It will be noted that the 22 present members of the Liaison Group are all from airports with a passenger throughput in excess of 0.600 mppa.
7. Doncaster Sheffield Airport Consultative Committee joined the Group immediately following the last meeting.

### Possible new members

8. The Liaison Group does not include representatives from Belfast International, Exeter, Bournemouth, Norwich, Coventry, Jersey, Guernsey or the Isle of Man. The position on these committees is as follows:
  - Inquiries show that Jersey Airport has no consultative committee or equivalent

- Guernsey's equivalent was the Transport Users Committee whose remit covered the port and airport. They were invited to join the group some time ago but there was no response.
  - Likewise Ronaldsway Airport (Isle of Man) was sent an invitation some time ago but there was no response.
  - As agreed at the last annual meeting letters were sent earlier this year inviting the consultative committees at Belfast International Airport, Bournemouth, Exeter and Coventry to join the Group. In the case of Exeter this was second invitation – in July 2005 they told us that at the present time they preferred to keep a watching brief of the work of the Liaison Group. Likewise the invitation to Belfast International was a second invitation – they declined membership a number of years ago.
  - So far a response has been received only from Bournemouth indicating that they would like to join the Group. Replies from the other committees are awaited.
  - Norwich crossed the 0.6 mppa threshold for the first time during 2005/06. If the meeting agrees they should now be sent an invitation to join the group.
9. If all eligible airports were to join the Group it would have 30 members.
10. It seems very likely that over the next year Blackpool (553,000 in 2006) and Humberside (521,000) might reach the minimum number of passengers required for membership of the Liaison Group.

### **RECOMMENDED**

- (1) That Bournemouth Airport Consultative Committee should be welcomed as members of the Group
- (2) That an invitation to join the Liaison Group should be sent to Norwich Airport Consultative Committee.
- (3) That the Secretariat should send reminders to the Consultative Committees at Belfast International, Exeter and Coventry

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## UK Airports – Passenger Totals and Air Transport Movements 2006

(Source CAA Airport Statistics)

Airfields designated under s.35 of the Civil Aviation Act 1982 are marked with an asterisk

UK Airports	Terminal and Transit Passengers (000s)	Air Transport Movements (000s)
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### Airports participating in the ACC Liaison Group

HEATHROW*	67 528	473
GATWICK *	34 164	256
STANSTED *	23 687	192
MANCHESTER*	22 443	213
LUTON *	9 426	83
BIRMINGHAM*	9 147	109
GLASGOW*	8 849	99
EDINBURGH*	8 611	119
BRISTOL *	5 758	66
NEWCASTLE*	5 432	59
LIVERPOOL *	4 964	48
NOTTINGHAM EAST MIDLANDS INTERNATIONAL*	4 728	57
ABERDEEN *	3 164	103
LEEDS BRADFORD*	2 793	38
PRESTWICK*	2 397	19
LONDON CITY *	2 358	38
BELFAST CITY*	2 106	22
CARDIFF WALES*	2 024	74
SOUTHAMPTON*	1 913	47
DURHAM TEES VALLEY*	906	13
DONCASTER SHEFFIELD	900	8
INVERNESS*	692	21

### Airports not participating in the ACCs Liaison Group

BELFAST INTERNATIONAL*	5 039	50
JERSEY	1 509	41
EXETER*	983	16
BOURNEMOUTH*	964	12
GUERNSEY	899	37
ISLE OF MAN	785	35
NORWICH *	747	24
COVENTRY *	611	11
BLACKPOOL *	553	4
HUMBERSIDE *	521	14
NEWQUAY	370	10
SCATSTA	255	11
KENT INTERNATIONAL *	10	1

NB Doncaster Sheffield's first passenger flight was on 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2005.