

## **32<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL MEETING BETWEEN AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES**

### **BUSINESS MEETING**

**THURSDAY, 12<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2008 COMMENCING AT 9.15 A.M.**

Chairman of the Meeting, Mr. Sam Jones, Heathrow Airport Consultative Committee

Secretary to the Conference, Mr. Tony Kershaw, Honorary Secretary, Gatwick Airport Consultative Committee.

9.15 a.m.      Items for Discussion

1.      **Notes** of the business meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2007 attached.
2.      **Matters arising** from the last meeting which are not covered elsewhere on the agenda.
3.      **Addressing Aircraft Noise**
  - (a)      Presentation by MVA Consulting (the DfT's consultants who conducted the ANASE Study, the independent study of public attitudes to aircraft noise) on the findings of the study and the key conclusions.
  - (b)      Frank Evans, Aviation Noise Policy Manager, Aviation Environmental Division, DfT to give an update on aircraft noise matters including the work of ANMAC in taking forward the findings of the ANASE study and an overview of the new powers of the Civil Aviation Act 2006 and how they are being implemented at airports.

The attached paper by the Secretariat provides background information on the main topics to be addressed.

4.      **UK Aviation Update**

There continues to be a significant number of developments in aviation and airports policy of key interest to a number of Committees. The attached paper provides a brief round-up of current activities in the UK. There are a number of points for discussion.

5.      **Improving the Through-Airport Passenger Experience**

Presentation by Daniel Storey, Head of Price Control, Economic Regulation Group, CAA on the review commissioned by the DfT on the through-airport passenger experience. The Liaison Group will also be updated on the next stage of the review.

The attached paper by the Secretariat provides background to the review.

6.      **Longer Queues at Immigration**

There have been significant changes to the immigration service, and its procedures over the past year and the new unified UK Border Agency was launched in April. The attached paper informs delegates of the work of the new UK Border Agency and of the concerns of a number of Consultative Committees about the delays arising from the new policy introduced by the Government last summer requiring more thorough checks for EU passengers entering the UK. Delegates are asked to compare notes on how passenger waiting times at their airports have been affected by the new arrangements and, where delays have increased, what steps have been, or might be taken to mitigate these.

7. ***UK Security Update***

Security continues to be a major issue for all airports. The attached paper aims to update the Liaison Group on the current issues and developments.

8. ***Improving Surface Access to Airports***

Improving surface access 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 and provides an update on the progress made on schemes at airports represented on the Liaison Group.

9. ***UK Regional Domestic Air Services – Preservation of Slots at Key UK Airports***

The aim of the attached paper, prepared by the Chairman of Aberdeen Airport Consultative Committee, is to stimulate discussion on the perceived need within the 'peripheral regions' of the UK to have slots safeguarded at the main London airports for regional air services. Delegates views are sought on whether the Liaison Group should collectively urge the Government and/or the European Union to be more prescriptive in requiring the reservation or preservation of slots in favour of regional air services.

10. ***People With Reduced Mobility (PRMs)***

The provision of services for PRMs within a new legislative framework remains a front line issue for airports. The attached paper updates delegates on the changing framework and provides information on the recent consultation by the DfT on the revised Code of Practice on access to air travel for disabled people.

11. ***Planning Applications – Notification and Consultation***

The attached paper, prepared by the Secretary of London City Consultative Committee, highlights a lack of consistency in relation to the notification/consultation arrangements adopted by the local planning authorities in processing an application for planning consent by London City Airport to increase the number of permitted flights at the airport. Delegates are asked to share their experience on how planning consultations involving neighbouring authorities are dealt with.

12. ***European Aviation Update***

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

13. ***Membership of the UKACCs Liaison Group***

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

14. ***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 2008.

15. ***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.

16. ***Venues for Future Conferences***

2009 – (TBC)

2010 – Durham Tees Valley

2011 - Aberdeen