

MEMBERSHIP OF UKACCS LIAISON GROUP

What this paper is about

The paper looks at the membership of the Liaison Group in the light of the CAA's latest passenger statistics. The present criterion for membership of the Liaison Group is that an airport should have a passenger throughput of 0.6. mppa or more.

Points for Discussion

There are none - the paper seeks only to bring members up to date on the Group's membership.

Points for Possible Action

This year there are no airports where the consultative committee becomes eligible for membership of the Liaison Group. But there is, perhaps, a need to remind Consultative Committees which became eligible for membership in earlier years and it is suggested the Secretariat should send reminders to the Consultative Committees at Belfast International, Exeter, Coventry and Norwich

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 23 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 which now fall within the Liaison Group's admission criterion.

Air Traffic Growth

2. The Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) published the 2007 air traffic statistics for UK airports in mid March. The figures show that UK airports handled nearly 241 million passengers in 2006, an increase of 2.4% on 2005.
3. Passenger traffic at the five main London airports - Heathrow, Gatwick, Stansted, Luton and London City - grew by 2% to a total of 140 million passengers. The biggest increases were logged at London City (23.5%), Luton (5.4%) and Gatwick (3%).
4. Passenger traffic at the UK's regional airports grew by 2.8% to a total of 102 million passengers. Among the ten largest regional airports, the fastest growing were Doncaster Sheffield (19.5%), Nottingham East Midlands (15%), Bournemouth (13%), Liverpool (10%), and Aberdeen (7.8%).
4. Air transport movements (landings and take-offs of commercial aircraft) grew to 2.409 million, an increase of 1.4% compared with 2005. At regional airports air transport movements (atms) reached a total of 1.32 million, an increase of 0.5% on 2005. The London airports handled 1.088 million atms, up 2.5% on 2005. The biggest increases in atms were at London City (17%), Doncaster Sheffield (13%), East Midlands (9%) and Belfast City (8%). The figures record a decline in the number of atms at Durham Tees Valley (9%), Inverness (9%), Liverpool (4%), Manchester (3%) and Belfast City (1%).

Membership of the Liaison Group

5. Annexed to this paper is a list showing the 2007 passenger throughput and total movements 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 23 present members of the Liaison Group are all from airports with a passenger throughput in excess of 0.600 mppa.
7. Bournemouth 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, 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, Exeter, Norwich 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. There has been no response from any of these committees
9. If all eligible airports were to join the Group it would have 30 members.

**Secretariat
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UK Airports – Total Passengers and Movements 2007

(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)	Total Movements (000s)
Airports participating in the ACC Liaison Group		
HEATHROW*	68 066	481
GATWICK *	35 216	267
STANSTED *	23 780	208
MANCHESTER*	22 113	223
LUTON *	9 927	120
BIRMINGHAM*	9 226	115
EDINBURGH*	9 048	128
GLASGOW*	8 796	108
BRISTOL *	5 927	72
NEWCASTLE*	5 651	79
NOTTINGHAM EAST MIDLANDS INTERNATIONAL*	5 413	94
LIVERPOOL *	4 469	87
ABERDEEN *	3 412	122
LEEDS BRADFORD*	2 882	65
PRESTWICK*	2 422	48
LONDON CITY *	2 912	91
BELFAST CITY*	2 187	43
CARDIFF WALES*	2 111	44
SOUTHAMPTON*	1 966	54
BOURNEMOUTH*	1 087	71
DONCASTER SHEFFIELD	1 078	13
DURHAM TEES VALLEY*	744	57
INVERNESS*	703	39
Airports not participating in the ACCs Liaison Group		
BELFAST INTERNATIONAL*	5 273	77
JERSEY	1 580	75
EXETER*	1,025	50
GUERNSEY	925	60
ISLE OF MAN	754	46
NORWICH *	699	54
COVENTRY *	599	55
BLACKPOOL *	558	59
HUMBERSIDE *	469	39
NEWQUAY	377	11
SCATSTA	253	13
KENT INTERNATIONAL *	16	22

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