

33RD ANNUAL MEETING BETWEEN AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES

BUSINESS MEETING

THURSDAY, 28TH MAY 2009 COMMENCING AT 9.15 A.M.

Chairman of the Meeting, Mr. Alan Crowe, Belfast City Airport Consultative Committee

Secretary to the Conference, Mr. Barry Smith, Deputy Honorary Secretary, Gatwick Airport Consultative Committee.

9.15 a.m. Items for Discussion

1. **Notes** of the business meeting held on 12th June, 2008 attached.
2. **Matters arising** from the last meeting which are not covered elsewhere on the agenda.
3. **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 not covered by reports which appear elsewhere on the Agenda for this meeting. There are a number of points for discussion.
4. **Review of the Economic Regulation of Airports**
On 9th March, the Department published for consultation its proposals to reform the regulation of UK airports. The attached paper summarises the key proposals which places the passenger at the heart of economic regulation, and the Government's work on improving the end-to-end air passenger journey experience. A representative from the Department will be present at the meeting to explain the proposals in more detail. There are a number of points for discussion as outlined in the paper and the Liaison Group is asked to consider whether a collective response should be submitted to the Department.
5. **Improving Surface Access to Airports**
The attached paper provides background information on the responsibility of airport operators to bring forward proposals to up-grade or enhance the road, rail or transport network or services to support airport growth. It also sets out Government initiatives and commitments across a range of transport modes which will help encourage greater use of public transport. The progress made at individual airports on improving modal split is given in the Annex. Delegates will be asked to share experiences at their airports in securing funds for surface access schemes to support growth at their airports.
6. **UK Regional Air Services - Preservation of Slots at London Airports**
 - (a) Presentation by Airport Co-Ordination Ltd - James Cole, Director of Coordination to give a presentation on the current slot allocation rules and the mechanisms available to protect slots at London airports for regional services.
 - (b) The attached paper provides background information on the current situation regarding the issue of the reduction to the number of slots available at London's airports for regional services. Members are asked to consider whether any further action is required.
7. **EU Environmental Noise Directive - Noise Actions Plans**
The attached paper provides an update on the implementation in England of the EU's Environmental Noise Directive (END) and the requirement placed on airport operators to produce a Noise Action Plan. Delegates are asked to share their experience of the process and any examples of best practice or problems which may have arisen.

8. ***UK Security Update***

The attached paper provides an update on developments in the UK on airport security issues. There are a number of points for discussion and possible action.

9. ***European Aviation Update***

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

10. ***Review of Conference Arrangements***

At the request of the Liaison Group, the Working Group has reviewed the criterion for membership of the Liaison Group, the subscriptions formula, the structure and arrangements for the Annual Meeting and secretariat support. The attached paper sets out the outcome of the review and the recommendations of the Working Group.

11. ***Consultative Committees – Structure and Membership***

In view of recent discussions and requests for information on the structure, membership and purpose of consultative committees, the attached paper aims to facilitate a discussion on whether member committees need to review their work and practices.

12. ***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.

13. ***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 31st March 2009.

14. ***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.

15. ***Venues for Future Conferences***

2010 – Durham Tees Valley (TBC)
2011 - Aberdeen