

**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. Indeed, Coventry (0.331 mppa) and Norwich (0.583 mppa) no longer meet the Liaison Group's criterion

## 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 2008 air traffic statistics for UK airports in mid March. The figures show that (excluding the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man) UK airports handled just over 236 million passengers in 2008, a decrease of 1.7% on 2007.
3. Passenger traffic at the five main London airports - Heathrow, Gatwick, Stansted, Luton and London City - fell by 2% to a total of 137 million passengers. Only at London City (12%) and Luton (3%) was there any growth.
4. Passenger traffic at the UK's other airports fell by 2% to a total of 99 million passengers. Among the UKACCs airports, there was growth only at Belfast City (18%), Birmingham (4%), East Midlands (4%) and Bristol (6%).
5. Air transport movements (landings and take-offs of commercial aircraft) at UK airports fell to 2.327 million, a decrease of just over 2% compared with 2007. The London airports handled 1.077 million air transport movements (atms), down 0.92% on 2007. Other UK airports reached a total of 1.25 million, a decrease of just over 3% on 2007. Among UKACC member airports there were increases at London City (9%), East Midlands (8%), Luton (3%), Bristol (2%), Cardiff (2%) and Belfast City (1%). All other UKACCs airports showed reductions notably at Durham Tees Valley (17%) and Inverness (10%)

## Membership of the Liaison Group

6. Annexed to this paper is a list showing the 2008 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.
7. 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.

## Possible new members

8. As previously reported the Liaison Group does not include representatives from Belfast International, Jersey, Exeter, 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 is the *Transport Users Committee* whose remit covers 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.
  - Exeter declined membership but said they would keep a watching brief on the work of the Liaison Group.

- Belfast International was sent a second invitation but no response was received. From the draft Noise Action Plan for the Airport it is noted that they do not in fact have a Consultative Committee – it is an action point for 2009. Their membership of the Liaison Group needs to be reviewed after the new Committee has been set up.
9. It should also be noted that Norwich and Coventry who, on the basis of their passenger figures for 2007, were eligible for membership were sent invitations last year. Neither Committee responded to the invitation. However, on the basis of the 2008 figures these Committees are no longer eligible for membership of the Liaison Group.
  10. If all eligible airports were to join the Group it would have 28 members.

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## UK Airports – Total Passengers and Movements 2008

(Source CAA Airport Statistics)

Airfields designated under s.35 of the Civil Aviation Act 1982 (or equivalent) are marked with an asterisk. Some airports, for example Doncaster Sheffield and Kirkwall are not designated but consultative committees have nonetheless been set up .

UK Airports	Terminal and Transit Passengers (000s)	Total Movements (000s)
<b>Airports participating in the ACC Liaison Group</b>		
HEATHROW*	67,055	474
GATWICK *	34,206	264
STANSTED *	22,360	179
MANCHESTER*	21,219	191
LUTON *	10,181	90
BIRMINGHAM*	9,628	103
EDINBURGH*	9,007	119
GLASGOW*	8,178	91
BRISTOL *	6,267	60
EAST MIDLANDS *	5,621	67
LIVERPOOL *	5,334	45
NEWCASTLE*	5,040	55
ABERDEEN *	3,291	106
LEEDS BRADFORD*	2,873	38
LONDON CITY *	3,260	90
BELFAST CITY*	2,570	41
PRESTWICK*	2,416	20
CARDIFF WALES*	1,995	24
SOUTHAMPTON*	1,946	45
BOURNEMOUTH*	1,083	12
DONCASTER SHEFFIELD	968	8
DURHAM TEES VALLEY*	655	10
INVERNESS*	679	18
<b>Airports not participating in the ACCs Liaison Group</b>		
BELFAST INTERNATIONAL*	5,262	55
JERSEY	1,626	47
EXETER*	956	16
GUERNSEY	945	42
ISLE OF MAN	754	31
NORWICH *	583	26
NEWQUAY	466	12
BLACKPOOL *	439	12
DERRY*	439	6
HUMBERSIDE *	428	14
COVENTRY *	331	7
SCATSTA	243	11
SUMBURGH*	157	10
KIRKWALL	150	14
STORNOWAY*	132	10
SCILLY – ST MARYS	126	11
PLYMOUTH*	118	7

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