

34TH ANNUAL MEETING BETWEEN AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES

BUSINESS MEETING

THURSDAY, 3RD JUNE 2010 COMMENCING AT 9.15 A.M.

Chairman of the Meeting, Mr. John Adshead, Chairman, London 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 28th May, 2009 attached.
2. **Matters arising** from the last meeting which are not covered elsewhere on the agenda.
3. **UK Aviation Update**
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. The new Government, in its coalition document issued on 12th May, sets out its programme and policy priorities. The current position (as at the time of issuing this agenda) in respect of aviation matters is summarised in the paper. There are a number of points for discussion.
4. **Preservation of Slots for Domestic Services at London Airports**
The need to protect slots at London's airports, principally Heathrow, for regional services is a continuing concern of member committees. The attached paper provides an update on the current situation and gives details of two studies commissioned by the former Government. Delegates are asked to consider the implications of the new Government's announcement that it will abandon plans to construct a third runway at Heathrow and whether the new Government should be informed of the Liaison Group's concerns about the worsening situation for regional services.
5. **Improving Surface Access to Airports**
The attached paper provides 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 provides an update on the High Speed Rail project. The progress made at individual airports on improving modal split in favour of public transport is given in Annex 1. Delegates will be asked to share experiences at their airports in securing funds for surface access schemes to support growth at their airports.
6. **Reform of the Framework for the Economic Regulation of Airports**
The former Government announced its decision on the proposed reform of the framework for the economic regulation of UK airports in December 2009. As well as providing an update on the proposed reforms, the attached paper gives details of the Airports Charges Directive, the proposed new airport licence regime, the proposed new role for Passenger Focus and the DfT's review of the guidelines for airport consultative committees.
7. **Aviation 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.

8. ***People with Reduced Mobility (PRMs)***

The attached paper reminds delegates of the requirements of European Regulation (EC)1107/2006 – Rights of Persons with Reduced Mobility when Traveling by Air. It also gives details of a review of the arrangements in place at UK airports undertaken by the CAA. Delegates are asked to share experiences at their airport in the provision of services for PRMs.
9. ***Noise Actions Plans***

The attached paper gives details of the requirements placed on airport operators to produce a Noise Action Plan based on the results of the noise mapping exercise undertaken as required by the Environmental Noise Directive. Delegates are asked to share their experience of the preparation of the noise action plan for their airport, the effectiveness of the public consultation exercise and of the lessons learned.
10. ***Air Passenger Duty (APD)***

Southampton Airport Consultative Committee has asked the Liaison Group to consider the impact of the APD on passengers and the aviation industry and whether a collective approach should be made to the Government on concerns about the tax. The attached paper provides details about APD and the current situation.
11. ***European Aviation Update***

The attached paper provides a brief update of the current EU activity in respect of aviation matters.
12. ***Membership of the UKACCs Liaison Group***

Air passenger traffic at UK airports continued to decline in 2009 with regional airports being proportionately more affected than the London airports. The attached paper provides an update on air traffic statistics at UK airports and gives details of those airports which fall within the Liaison Group's admission criterion. Delegates are asked to consider whether the Liaison Group's criterion for membership should be reviewed.
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 2010.
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***
 - 2011 – Aberdeen (8th/9th June 2011)
 - 2012 – offers to host will be invited at the meeting