



Minutes of the meeting of the London City Airport Consultative Committee

held on 10 March 2022, at Royal Docks Learning and Activity Centre, London

Present: Cllr James Asser (LBN), Duncan Ayles (LBN), Joy-Caron Canter (RDLAC), Ian Gibson (local resident), George Masters (Secretary), Mark Partridge (LBN), John Shaw (Passenger Rep), John Stewart, Glynis Webb (Vice-Chair)

In attendance from LCY: Robert Sinclair, Tim Halley, Liam McKay, Tess Simpson, Aaron Uthman.

Also in attendance: Andrew Christy (local resident), John Doherty (Forest Hill Society) Colin Wyatt (NATS).

Apologies: Duncan Alexander (Chair), Cllr Brenda Dacres (LB Lewisham), Cllr Sarah Ruiz (LBN)

1. Minutes of the meeting on 2 December 2021

The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.

2. CEO Update

Link to the report can be found [here](#).

The Secretary (acting as Chair) invited Robert Sinclair (RS) to update the Committee.

RS advised that the meeting reflected what was happening in the wider aviation community, with activities beginning to take place in person. RS advised that the airport was shocked with the ongoing situation in Ukraine, and though the airport did not fly to the country, it does have various flights into neighbouring countries.

RS advised that the activity at the airport is picking up momentum after the Omicron COVID 19 variant given the lifting of restrictions on passengers flying into and outside the UK. Though confidence remains fragile RS was confident that by summer the activity at the airport would be getting almost back to normal. RS advised that the Government were planning on fully lifting restrictions, including the passenger locator form, in the following week. RS advised that the airport was planning on opening new routes, and though COVID was still a focus, the airport had relatively few positive cases among staff.

RS advised that the airport had won several awards in the previous three months, and that it continued its focus on sustainability, with the airport achieving recertification of the Level 3+ Airport Carbon Accreditation Scheme. RS informed members that the airport hosted another successful STEM in Aviation event.

Members asked about the meet-the-buyer event at LCY and requested that charities be invited to attend or whether the airport could host a meet-the-charities event. RS stated that he would take that away and update members of the committee.

Members commented that LB of Newham had the largest Ukrainian population in the UK and that there were various projects in the local community to gather aid and support for the situation.

3. Airspace Modernisation Update

The Secretary invited Colin Wyatt (CW) to update members on LCY's Airspace Change Programme (Stage 2 – Develop and Assess).

CW advised that the engagement with local stakeholders, including the committee had taken place and feedback on the design concepts was being incorporated into the airport's stage 2 submission to the Civil Aviation Authority.

Presentation can be found here.

Members asked whether the airport's submissions would include a detailed breakdown of the feedback submitted to the airport. CW advised that there would be an annex to the submission which would provide the key points raised in feedback such as the need for respite and the need to consider the environment. However, the annex would not include significant detail on each piece of feedback.

CW advised that the feedback would be scrutinised by the CAA when the papers were submitted.

Members commented that the design concepts and the work that the airport was conducting on airspace change needed to be in close consultation with Heathrow. Tessa Simpson (TS) advised that Heathrow was behind LCY in the airspace change process, and that consultations with Heathrow would take place in Stage 3.

CW clarified with members that in Stage 2, the airport engaged with local stakeholders, however, it was in Stage 3 that formal consultation (which is a legally defined process) would take place.

4. Airport Reports

The Secretary advised that the Airport reports would not be read out in full during the meeting, rather they will be taken as read. The Chair would simply open the floor to questions.

Please see link to reports here.

- **Airspace and Environment**

Tessa Simpson (TS) advised that the Airspace and Environment Sub-Committee had met in the previous week and that detail on airspace and environment was within the report. TS advised that the airport's noise cancellation schemes were under review and that the sustainability strategy was to be discussed with London Borough of Newham shortly.

- **Community**

Aaron Uthman (AU) advised that the airport had hosted two sessions for the Think Forward organisation for the programme 'Ready 4 Work' and had hosted a career fair, which was attended by 140 people.

AU advised that the E16 magazine would be distributed later in the month.

Members asked where the distribution of the E16 magazine could be discussed. AU agreed to take this away.

- **Planning**

Tim Halley (TH) advised that the detail on planning was in the report, though advised that the airport would be publishing its Annual Performance Report on both the LCY and LCACC website in June.

- **Airport Transport Forum**

TH advised that 7 charging points had been placed in the airport carpark this month for use by visitors and staff. TH advised that the postponed employee travel survey would take place in the coming weeks, and that the review of the Airport Surface Access Strategy and Travel Plan will be discussed with LBN and the Airport Transport Forum later in March.

5. AOB

Members asked whether the airport could update on the escalator which was not working at the nearby DLR station. Liam McKay (LM) advised that this was a Transport for London issue, though the airport would request an update from them.

6. Next meetings

The Committee will next meet on Thursday 9 June 2022 at 4pm, at a location to be confirmed.

The scheduled meetings for 2022 are:

- Thursday 8 September
- Thursday 8 December

The Secretary will send out placeholders for the meetings in the coming weeks. Reminders will be sent closer to the meetings.

Please note all papers can be found electronically on the LCACC website which can be found at www.lcacc.org.