



**Minutes of the meeting of the London City Airport Consultative Committee
held on 16 September 2021.**

Present: Duncan Alexander (Chair), Duncan Ayles (LBN), Rev Fred Ashford-Okai (Kingsford Community School), Cllr James Asser (LBN), Moinul Choudhury (Canary Wharf), Steven Jones (London Chamber of Commerce), Cllr Khevyn Limbajee (Waltham Forest), Mark Partridge (LBN), Shamal Ratnayaka (TFL), Cllr Sarah Ruiz (LBN), John Shaw (Passenger Rep), John Stewart (Hacan East), Glynis Webb (Vice Chair)

In attendance from LCY: Tim Halley, Liam McKay, Robert Sinclair, Aaron Uthman, Francesca Pacifico

Also in attendance: Andrew Christy (local resident), Tim Walker (local resident)

Apologies: Cllr Sarah Ruiz (LBN)

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed members to the online meeting.

2. Minutes of the meeting on 3 June 2021

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

3. CEO Update

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

The papers can be found [here](#).

RS welcomed members to the virtual meeting and stated that he hoped the next meeting would be in person.

RS advised that the airport had seen a stable growth in passenger numbers and increase in demand over the last couple of months. This had been driven by leisure travel, though business travel was starting to increase. A number of airlines had returned to the airport, including Swiss, who were operating a new aircraft.

RS advised that the measures for COVID protection for staff and passengers remain in place at the airport. The service from the airport remains the same, with speed and convenience the key targets. Time spent queuing is minimized, while the upgrade of the e-gates had been completed with minimal disruption to passengers. Despite the current optimism in the aviation sector, RS advised that there are still stringent restrictions in the UK in comparison to EU countries, particularly the traffic light system and the testing regime which is hampering the recovery.

RS also advised that the airport continued its environmental work, and had developed a compostable security bag for passengers, while some new artwork by a critically acclaimed local artist had been installed at the airport. The airport continues its work in the local community, including support through the community fund which continues to be a success in the local area.

Members asked about the renewal of aircraft fleets and how the pandemic has impacted aircraft development. RS advised that airlines are currently focussed on rebuilding profitability until they recommence refueling. However, despite the pandemic aircraft manufacturers are currently very busy.

The Chair mentioned that there had been a number of members who had passed away recently – the Chair informed members that Stuart Innis had recently passed away. RS advised that he was remembered well in the airport for his contribution to the Committee and to the airport.

The Chair also welcomed the new Airport Monitoring Officer (Duncan Ayles).

4. Airport Reports

The Chair advised that the airport would provide updates verbally to the committee. The reports can be found [here](#)

The Chair praised the airport for the quality of the reports.

- **Environment**

Francesca Pacifico (FP) advised that aircraft movements and passenger numbers have increased, they are still far below levels before the pandemic. There were 96 complaints, from 4 individuals in quarter 2 2021. FP advised that LCY are working with industry partners on low/zero carbon aviation projects looking at the commercial and operational viability of future flights. This is part of the Government's Future Flight programme.

FP advised that the airport was remobilising the airspace modernisation team following funding from the government. More information will be given to the committee at the next meeting. FP advised that following feedback from members of the committee the airport had spoken to NATS about the reason for aircraft approaching the airport from a different direction over South East London. FP advised that NATS have confirmed that some aircraft were rerouted due to low traffic.

Members stated that the reason for the complaints in quarter 2 was due to the use of alternative routes. Liam McKay (LM) stated that these instances followed a decision from NATS which the airport was not a part of. The Chair advised that this discussion was mirrored in wider discussions on airspace modernisation across other consultative committees. The Chair advised that he and other Consultative Committee chairs are working closely with DfT on airspace change providing focus on two points of dispersal of aircraft and planning conditions placed on developments under flight paths.

LM advised that NATs will attend the next meeting of the committee to brief on Airspace Modernisation.

- **Community**

Aaron Uthman (AU) advised that the airport was reaching out to local schools while there is a new youth mentoring scheme with 15 members of LCY staff being assigned a student to mentor for 2 years. The latest community fund has been awarded, with over £35,000 sent out to 12 charities, with a video being created on various schemes which the fund has funded.

AU advised that the next E16 magazine will go out at the end of the month, with 9,000 going to local residents.

The Chair thanked the LCY team for their work in the local community which supports some excellent projects.

- **Planning and Airport Transport Forum**



Tim Halley (TH) welcomed Duncan Ayles to the committee. TH advised that the annual performance report had been published (the report can be found [here](#)). TH advised that City Airport Development Programme construction has been paused, with construction noise monitors being decommissioned.

TH advised that 8 new electric car charges would be placed at the airport. This is a trial, and if the uptake is high, more electric charging points will be placed in the airport.

5. AOB

The Chair advised that a review of membership would be undertaken in the next few weeks to ensure that the representation at the committee was as strong as possible.

6. Next meetings

The next meeting of the LCACC will take place at 4.00pm on 2 December 2021 at Sunborn Yacht Hotel.

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.