



Minutes of the meeting of the London City Airport Consultative Committee

held on 14 September 2023, at the Good Hotel, London

Present: George Masters (Secretary), Duncan Alexander (Chair), Ian Gibson, Stephen Pick (London Chamber), John Stewart (HACAN East), John Shaw (Passenger Rep) Glynis Webb (Vice-Chair).

In attendance from LCY: Francesca Pacifico, Lucy Craven, Tim Halley, Aaron Uthman.

Apologies: Duncan Alexander (Chair), Joy Caron-Canter (RDLAC), Cllr Sarah Ruiz (LBN), Cllr James Asser (LBN), Tim Walker (Forest Hill Society), Cllr Ann Easter (LBN), Duncan Ayles (LBN), David Conroy (local resident), Robert Sinclair (LCY).

1. Minutes of the meeting on 8 June 2023

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

2. CEO Update

The Chair invited Tim Halley to update the Committee.

TH stated that passenger levels were at 2/3 of 2019 levels but were recovering well (though leisure travel had recovered quicker than business travel). TH advised that the airport continued to perform well with customers, with the airport recently chosen as the most recommended airport in London. TH advised that the airport was now running c.30 routes, and that City Flyer had recently restarted its Milan route from the airport.

TH advised that the new E2-195 aircraft was now certified to fly from LCY.

TH advised that significant work was being completed on the departure lounge with new food and drink outlets, an increased duty free and refurbished toilets. In addition the EMAS project had been recently completed at the end of the runway, which enhanced safety at the airport. Finally, the new CT scanners were proving a success with customers.

TH advised that the airport was working closely with other companies as part of the Green Hydrogen Alliance, and that the airport had recently published progress against its Sustainability Action Plan. Turning to Community, TH advised that the airport had recently granted £36,000 to local charities and not-for-profit organisations. In addition, the airport had introduced a new volunteering policy, with all staff having to undertake 2 days of volunteering each year.

Members asked why leisure routes seemed to be recovering better than business routes. TH advised that the business routes had recovered, but not to the same extent. TH advised that summer was traditionally focussed on leisure travel, with business likely to increase as we move to autumn.

3. Update on the airport's application to change its existing planning permission

The Chair invited Tim Halley (TM) to update on the airport's planning application which had been submitted to London Borough of Newham Council (LBN).



TH stated that LBN had refused the application at its Strategic Planning Committee on the 10th July. TH advised that the airport was appealing the decision, and that a planning inquiry would be taking place around December.

Members asked on what grounds LBN refused the application. TH advised that LBN had refused the application due to residential impact and due a technical issue with the S106 agreement.

4. UKACC and LCYCC updates

The Chair introduced this item. The Chair began by stating that there was an ongoing push to increase membership at the Committee. To aid this the Chair stated he had reached out to a number of councillors. In addition, the airport was assisting with the renewal of the LCACC website.

Members discussed the best way to increase the membership of the committee, and agreed that 1) the committee should be renamed to LCYACC (to match the airport), and 2) that the airport should host an open day for the committee alongside an operational tour of the airport.

The Chair then updated members on Airspace Modernisation and the work with the Department for Transport. The Chair stated that there was significant frustration about the amount of time changes were taking to be designed and introduced, with DfT now going to a single design entity. The Chair advised that he would be attending a workshop the following week with DfT.

5. Airport Reports

The Chair 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.

- **Airspace and Environment**

The Chair invited Francesca Pacifico to update on Airspace and Environment. FP updated members on the airport's Noise Action Plan, stating that the updated plan would cover 2024-2028. FP stated that the airport only received limited feedback on the consultation, with only 17 online responses and 9 people attending the in-person events. FP advised that the Action Plan would now be submitted to DEFRA.

Members stated that it would be beneficial in future consultations to make it clear what sort of responses the airport is looking for and what the key issues are in the Noise Action Plan.

- **Community**

Aaron Uthman (AU) advised that the airport's meet the buyer event was taking place on 30th November at London Stadium. In addition, the airport's STEM event is taking place at the Excel Centre in November. AU advised that the airport's usual volunteering days would take place in December.

AU demonstrated the new LCYCC website to members, and stated that the website would go live before the end of the year.

- **Airport Transport Forum**



TH stated that the airport had recently signed off sustainable travel incentives for staff and that the airport was investing in cycle infrastructure.

6. AOB

Members provided positive feedback on the airport's disability assistance.

The Chair asked how the local authority and airport monitored housing developments in the area. TH advised that the local authority was good at informing the airport of developments.

7. Next meetings

The Committee will next meet in 2023 on the following dates:

- 4.00pm, 28 November 2023

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

Should members wish to be added to the sub-committee distribution list please contact the Secretary.