



## **Minutes of the meeting of the London City Airport Consultative Committee held on 4 March 2021.**

**Present:** Duncan Alexander (Chair), Ken Baker (MET Police), Joy-Caron Canter (RDLAC), Lyndon Forthergill, Ian Gibson (West Silvertown), Steven Jones (London Chamber), Shamal Ratnayaka (TFL), John Shaw (Passenger Rep), Howard Sheppard (Canary Wharf), Andrea Sperini (BA), John Stewart (Hacan East), Glynis Webb (Vice-Chair), Dave Whittaker (LBN).

**In attendance from LCY:** Tim Halley, Liam McKay, Robert Sinclair, Aaron Uthman, Francesca Pacifico, Oscar Wong, Nick Marks.

**Also in attendance:** Andrew Christy (Local Resident), Jane Custance (LBN), Rebecca Cox (Heathrow Community Engagement Board), Nick Marks (LBN).

**Apologies:** Cllr Sarah Ruiz (LBN), Lindsey Clavel, Cllr Brenda Dacres (Lewisham), Cllr John Howard (Redbridge).

### **1. Welcome**

The Chair welcomed members to the online meeting and advised that the CEO would update the committee.

### **2. Minutes of the meeting on 3 December 2020**

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 presentation can be found [here](#).

RS advised that the airport continued to feel the effects of COVID 19, with passenger volumes in 2020 falling by 82% from the previous year to 905,236. Passenger numbers continue to be low in 2021 due to widespread travel restrictions, meaning 12 months of minimal to no revenue for the airport. Airlines are planning to add back capacity in anticipation of the restrictions easing, with LCY well positioned to benefit from demand. LCY continue to use the Government's furlough scheme to support staff during this period.

RS advised that there is a degree of optimism that we are coming to the end of the crisis due to the vaccination programme. The Government's roadmap, announced in February, was helpful in providing clarity to aviation on resumption of international travel no earlier than 17 May. The airport has seen a spike in bookings for the second half of 2021. However, this is tempered with caution due to potential variants. Recently, LCY was chosen by the Home Office as a port of entry for arrivals under the Government's hotel quarantine policy, and the airport has successfully processed a small number of arrivals from 'red list' countries. LCY partnered with Collinsons in 2020 to provide pre-departure and arrivals testing, the LCY testing facility is being scaled up to support increased testing.

RS advised that the airport is fully compliant with COVID mitigations for staff. The airport has not seen a single instance of transmission of the virus on site.

RS stated that the airport was recently been recognised as one of the best airports in Europe in the prestigious 2020 Air Service Quality awards in the 5-15million passengers per year category.

#### 4. Airport Reports

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

- **Community**

Aaron Uthman (AU) advised LCY provided work experience online for 30 students from Newham College studying engineering. This was important for the students who were originally unable to complete this module of their course.

During the airport's 12 days of giving LCY staff volunteered at a local foodbank, sorting items and delivering hot meals to members of the community who may be shielding. LCY have also worked with ELBA to donate laptops to Riverside School students who are from disadvantaged backgrounds.

LCY have also developed a London City Helpers volunteering programme with ELBA. LCY have a proven history of providing support to the local community, this has had to change due to COVID 19. Therefore, LCY have come up with several initiatives required by the community. AU advised that the airport will continue to work with foodbanks and women in aviation. AU advised that the airport was open to suggestions for any initiatives which would be welcomed by the local community.

AU advised that LCY's community work continues, with the successful applications for the latest round of the airport's community fund were announced in January, with £40,000 awarded to 14 local organisations.

Members stated a big thank you to the LCY team for their support regarding the food banks at RDLAC. The Chair agreed that the LCY team had gone above and beyond in the community over this difficult period.

- **Environment**

Francesca Pacifico (FP) advised that LCY are attempting to reach an ambitious goal of net carbon zero by 2050. LCY are collaborating with partners on two low/zero carbon projects, including electric aircraft, which are part of the government's future flight programme. LCY has recently installed solar panels on the temporary immigration facility, this, alongside a switch to a renewable electricity contract in 2020 continues the airport's efforts in decarbonising the airport's infrastructure.

FP advised that the sound insulation scheme was continuing in a COVID compliant manner, with works recently being carried out on the Royal Docks Academy and Calverton Primary School, along with residential properties.

LCY continue to work on airspace modernisation programme and have successfully passed through the Stage 1 design principles. Stage 2 is on hold due to COVID in a similar manner to other airports across the UK. FP advised that there had been a small drop in complaints due to a small number of people complaining multiple times.

Members welcomed the work on the modernisation programme and stated that LCY were waiting on other airports and asked about funding from the Government. Liam McKay (LM) stated that airports had written to the Treasury but had not seen a response.

Members asked about the sustainability strategy and asked for an update. LM stated that the LCY were working towards publication in the summer, the airport was making good progress, the

strategy doesn't preclude ongoing work such as the solar panels. Members asked about community engagement regarding the strategy. LM stated that the contractor has spoken to community groups and councillors, when the strategy is drafted the committee will be informed.

- **Planning and Airport Transport Forum**

Tim Halley (TH) stated that the Master Plan and accompanying consultation report was published in December 2020 and can be viewed [here](#). TH thanked the committee for their engagement on the report.

The Chair advised that this was Dave Whittaker's meeting, he thanked DW for his work and stated that the LBN process of holding the airport to account was exemplar.

Oscar Wong (OW) advised that LBN are currently considering an application from LCY to defer two payments due under S106 by 12 months as neither are currently required due to a decrease in passenger numbers and aircraft movements. OW advised that LBN approved two new strategies to manage ground noise at LCY and are considering similar strategies for air quality and biodiversity.

OW advised that the car sharing scheme is currently suspended due to COVID, while the Airport Transport Forum will meet to review the 2021 targets due to the ongoing challenges presented by COVID when it meets in April. OW advised that the airport was located within the planned Ultra Low Emissions Zone (ULEZ) boundary extension due to be in place in Oct 21. LCY are liaising with several suppliers to review options for electric car charging.

Members stated the Strategic Planning Committee of LBN heard that the airport had one minor instance of non-compliance with planning controls in 2018 and that the airport would be asked to publish an addendum to the Annual Performance Report. TH stated that the airport was publishing the addendum shortly.

## **5. AOB**

Dave Whittaker stated that he was retiring and that this was his last LCACC meeting, he offered his thanks to the Committee for its support, and offered thanks to the airport. The airport thanked DW for his constructive challenge and for his honesty when dealing with the airport.

## **6. Next meetings**

The next meeting of the LCACC will take place at 4.00pm on 4 June 2021 at a location to be confirmed.

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](http://www.lcacc.org).