



Meetings of the meeting of the London City Airport Consultative Committee held on Thursday 4 September at City Aviation House

Members present: Duncan Alexander (Chair), Glynis Webb (Vice-Chair), George Masters (Secretary), Duncan Ayles (LBN), David Conroy, Amanda Nicholls (Lewisham), Cllr Ann Easter (LBN), Cllr John Whitworth (LBN), David Conroy, Ian Gibson, Amer Sayed (local resident), John Shaw (Passenger Rep)

In attendance from LCY: Alison FitzGerald (CEO), Stephen Allen (Head of Planning), Aaron Uthman (Senior Corporate & Community Stakeholder Manager), Francesca Pacifico (Head of Sustainability & Environment), Tim Smith (Planning Manager (Compliance and Transport))

Apologies: Cllr Andy Dourmough, John Doherty, Jackie Laidler, Bartosz Tchorzewski

1. Minutes

The meeting agreed that the minutes of the meeting which took place on 12 June are an accurate record of the meeting.

2. CEO update

The Chair invited AF to update the Committee. AF outlined that significant passenger growth continued and that the volume of leisure travel continues to increase in line with usual summer travel patterns. In the coming quarter, there are introduction of new winter routes and alongside usual seasonal routes.

AF outlined the NATS power outage on 30 July, though the impact on LCY was minimal. AF outlined that the airport had been rated by the Telegraph as the best airport in London and the third best in the UK. Passenger feedback continues to be strong. AF outlined that security changes in terms of screening of liquids were unlikely to come into place until Q3.

Members outlined positive feedback on support to disabled passengers travelling through the airport. Members asked about the master plan for the area, including City Aviation House. It was noted that planning consent had been received for a hotel.

3. Chair update

The Chair provided an update on the work ongoing at UKACC level. An email with relevant documentation and an outline of this work will be provided to members after the meeting. The Chair updated that the progress on airspace change continued to be slower than wished. Members noted things are moving, though slowly. The new body, UKADS, will be functional by the start of next year. It is unclear when public consultation will take place. LCY outlined that they had no working timeline yet.

There are concerns about airspace changes when linked with Heathrow as the largest airport in the area. This could impact changes put forward by smaller airports such as London City. However, it was noted that there is now an independent body overseeing the work on airspace modernisation which could lessen the risk that one airport's changes are favoured over another's. Members reiterated that the excellent work LCY completed in previous years on airspace modernisation should not be lost.

4. Airport reports



The Chair advised that Committee that the Airport reports would not be read out in full and would be taken as read.

- **Airspace & Environment**

The Chair invited Francesca Pacifico to update the Committee. FP pointed members to the report. FP outlined that there would be an advisory body which would oversee the work on airspace modernisation and be a point of contact for stakeholders. There will be additional consultation this year on technical issues.

In terms of environment, the airport remains in line with objective levels in this quarter.

- **Community**

The Chair invited Aaron Uthman (AU) to update the Committee. AU updated the committee that the latest tranche of the community fund was now closed but that the fund was accepting applications to the end of the year. There have been 220 applicants thus far this year.

The East London Business Summit will take place in October. At the last meeting the presence of charities was discussed, AU outlined that a number of charities had been approached.

AU outlined that two interns have recently completed internships at the airport. The interns worked closely with the Airport's sustainability team and helped to deliver STEM content across East London Schools. AU stated that volunteering is still taking place. Members were asked to provide ideas for areas which the airport could support.

Members asked on numbers of interns, AU outlined there were 2 interns as part of the UEL diversity of thought programme.

The Chair outlined that £76k had been distributed to the airport to community fund applicants. The process is running well, however it is crucial that local input is received on applications to ensure that funding goes to charities which need it most. The Chair therefore asked Councillors in particular to highlight the availability of the fund to local charities, but also for local input to be provided on applications.

- **Planning and Airport Transport Forum**

The Chair invited Tim Smith (TS) to update the Committee. TS outlined that the Airport's Annual Performance Report had been published, with the airport at full compliance. The Airport had submitted its report on noise contours verification to LBN. Duncan Ayles outlined that the Annual Performance Report would go to LBN's Strategic Planning Committee in October/November.

TS stated that at Q1 that airport was at 80% for sustainable travel for passengers, while staff at 51% in terms of driving alone to work. TS outlined that the roll out of the 129 Bus Route continued. This is the third bus route to the airport. This continues to run free for the next two months.

5. Airspace Change Proposal

The Chair invited Stephen Allen (SA) to update the Committee. SA outlined the Requirement M Procedure. This process started at beginning of the year. The design principles have been

set. In this quarter, the Airport had focused on Stage 2 – with 5 dedicated engagement sessions and 7/8 design options considered. This has led to a shortlist of three options.

SA outlined the options and outlined that the shortlist included the most flexible options, with the highest possible angles. SA informed the committee that the documentation for Stage 2 had been signed off by CAA earlier this week, meaning that the airport can proceed to Stage 3. This stage includes an Environmental impact assessment for 3 options, alongside a consultation strategy. CAA will then look these documents before going out to consultation.

Members noted that the angle of approach was the best possible option noting concerns around low flying. Members also asked about real-life flight trials and noted, positively, the update that LCY are speaking to Airbus around such trials.

6. AOB

Members asked about sound insulation. FP outlined that the airport would send letters to eligible properties (new and ten years old) while adverts were going out soon in local newspapers/magazines. However, individuals can contact the airport's environment team.

The Committee will next meet in 2025 on the following dates:

- Thursday 4 December

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