

NOTICE OF MEETING

Tuesday 13th July 2010

4.30 pm in the Board Room at City Aviation House,
London City Airport



AGENDA

1. PRESENTATION – AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL AT LONDON CITY AIRPORT

A representative of the National Air Traffic Services (NATS) will brief members on the air traffic regime at London City Airport,

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE should be notified to the Secretary -telephone: 01487 842623 or 07738 490768, e-mail: secretary@lcacc.org

3. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

- (a) The **London Borough of Newham** has still to appoint a third member. A reminder has been sent to the responsible officer of the Council.
- (b) The Airport has been considering how to appoint a representative of **airport passengers**. Elizabeth Hegarty will report.
- (c) Waiseul Islam ceased to be a Tower Hamlets councillor on 6th May. He will need to be replaced as the representative of the **London Borough of Tower Hamlets**. The Secretary has written to the Council's Chief Executive.
- (d) The **London Borough of Bexley** has re-appointed Councillor Peter Craske as its representative on the Consultative Committee. Councillor Colin Tandy has been re-appointed as Cllr Craske's deputy. The appointments run until April 2012 when the Committee is due for renewal.
- (e) The **London Borough of Greenwich** has re-appointed Councillor Denise Hyland as its representative on the Consultative Committee. Councillor Peter Brooks has been re-appointed as Cllr Hyland's deputy. The appointments runs for one year or until the Council's next Annual Meeting.
- (f) As agreed at the January meeting the Secretary wrote on 21 January 2010 to *London Councils* (formerly the Association of London Government) inviting them to nominate one representative of the outer London Boroughs affected by the Airport's operations, i.e. the London Boroughs of Waltham Forest, Redbridge and Havering. It is known that the letter has been received by *London Councils* but inevitably it will take them some time to respond. Nonetheless a reminder has been sent.

4. THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 13TH APRIL 2010 – PREVIOUSLY CIRCULATED

5. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Item 5(b) – Committee Constitution

The Committee has been waiting for the expected revised Guidelines for Airport Consultative Committees to be issued by the Department of Transport (DfT). In early June the Department told us they had been planning to consult on revised guidelines later this

year. However the new Ministers in the Department have not yet been briefed on this issue and that the DfT plan to “seek a steer in the near future”. Any further developments will be reported to the meeting. In view of the continuing delay the Committee may like to consider whether to proceed with the revisions of its constitution at least on an interim basis.

Contrary to the idea which seems to have gained ground in some quarters the DfT’ Guidelines are *not* the Committee’s constitution. The Guidelines are just that and they are *not* binding on the Committee. Members can see the present constitution on the Committee’s website¹.

(b) Item 5(c) – Planning Applications – Notification/Consultation with Local Residents

UKACCs is still awaiting a reply to its letter of 22 September 2009 to the *Local Government Association* asking if protocols on the lines adopted by the *Association of the London Borough Planning Officers* could be introduced on a countrywide basis. A reminder is being sent.

(c) Item 5(f) – Airport SIDs

At the Committee’s last meeting it was noted that the changes to the SIDs were due to be reviewed after 12 months and that this process would be carried out as soon as possible after May 2010 in order to benefit from a full 12 months dataset. The Committee would be included in the review process. We are now waiting to hear from the CAA.

(d) Item 7 – Planning Application

At its January meeting the Committee heard that the High Court had agreed that the proposed judicial review of the London Borough of Newham’s (LBN) decision to approve the airport’s planning application for an increase in flight movements should to proceed to a full hearing. It is understood that the case will be heard on 18/19 November 2010 and that the case will not be determined until about six weeks after that. The Secretary will keep members abreast of developments.

(e) Item 9 - Air Quality Readings

At the last meeting it was explained that since October 2009 the quarterly *Environmental Reports* had included actual air quality readings drawn from the fixed measurement equipment which the Airport had installed. However, members noted that the report received by the Committee at its April meeting each year would not include a report for the 4th Quarter of the previous year because the report drawn up at the end of that period would be the *Annual Report* covering the whole year. The report for 2009 has now been finalised and both circulated to members (on 1st June 2010) and posted to the Committee’s website².

(f) Item 10 - Noise Action Plan

The Airport will report.

(g) Item 12 – Red Bull Air Race

It is understood that this planning application was withdrawn on 7th May 2010. Earlier, on 28th April, the Secretary circulated members with details of press items based on a press release issued by *Plane Stupid* along with the Airport’s comments. The Airport said it had no plans to build a second runway and that it did not support Red Bull’s application. In fact the Airport submitted a formal objection the Red Bull’s application in March 2010. The

¹ <http://www.lcacc.org/committee/schedule4.html>

² <http://www.lcacc.org/environment/airquality.html#09aqreport>

comments made by *Plane Stupid* were totally inaccurate and did not reflect the Airport's position.

(h) Item 13 – People with Reduced Mobility

The paper submitted to the UKACCs Annual Meeting on 3rd June 2010 can be seen on the UKACCs website³.

Both the Airport and the airline had written to the passenger referred to at the last meeting who been denied boarding on a flight to Edinburgh on 23 February 2010. In a note to the Secretary she said she was entirely content with the letters received.

(i) Item 16 – Public Safety Zones

Frank Evans (Department for Transport) will report.

(j) Item 16 – Western End Gas Valve – Relocation

Members received an update on 14th May. The Airport will update members again at the meeting.

6. SOUND INSULATION PROGRAMME

John Higgins will update the Committee on the progress made in implementing the Airport's Sound Insulation Programme.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

There has been no correspondence other than that referred to elsewhere in this Agenda..

8. AIRPORT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Gary Hodgetts will report.

9. COMMUNITY REPORT

Elizabeth Hegarty will report.

10. COMPLAINTS AND NOISE MONITORING

Gary Hodgetts will table the Airport's report.

11. THE NEW GOVERNMENT

On 1st June 2010 the Secretary circulated to all members a note about the general election on 6th May which resulted in a new Conservative/Liberal Democrat coalition government. The new Secretary of State for Transport is Philip Hammond MP while the Minister of State in the Department is Theresa Villiers MP who will be responsible for aviation including the AAIB but not TRANSEC which will be the direct responsibility of the Secretary of State.

The note also outlined what is known about the policy of the new Government towards aviation including:

- the cancellation of the third runway at Heathrow;
- the refusal of additional runways at Gatwick and Stansted;
- the establishment of a high-speed rail network;
- the replacement of the Air Passenger Duty with a per flight duty; and
- an *Airport Economic Regulation Bill* - see below.

³ <http://www.ukaccs.info/10almfiles/10prms.pdf>

12. UK AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES - ANNUAL LIAISON MEETING – LONDON CITY AIRPORT – 2/3 JUNE 2010

On 4th June 2010 the Secretary notified members that the agenda and papers for the UKACCs Annual Meeting held this year at London City Airport had been published on the UKACCs website⁴ and on 14th June 2010 members received an informal note of the meeting prepared for another Consultative Committee. The official note of the meeting will be circulated, and placed on the UKACCs website, as soon as it is ready.

The LCACC was represented by the Committee's Chairman and Vice Chairman and the Committee's Secretary was also present in his UKACCs capacity. These officers will be happy to offer further comment on any of the issues referred to in the informal note of the meeting and to answer questions.

13. ECONOMIC REGULATION OF UK AIRPORTS

The new Government's legislative programme for the first session of Parliament was announced in the Queen's Speech on Tuesday 25th May 2010. Among the bills announced then was an *Airport Economic Regulation Bill* which will replace the existing system for setting price caps at airports subject to economic regulation with a more flexible framework focused on the outcomes which matter to passengers. The new Government said it was considering the detailed content of these reforms and would say more in due course. On the UKACCs website⁵ there is copy of a DfT note about the new Bill.

In his note about the new Government circulated on 1st June the Secretary noted that according to press reports there was no mention of the *Airport Economic Regulation Bill* in a list published in late May by the Leader of the Commons, George Young, of 22 Bills he expected to be brought forward during this Parliamentary session. Asked about this the Prime Minister's official spokesman is said to have commented that the commitment remains but officials were examining whether the changes could be achieved without the need for legislation. At the UKACCs Annual Meeting on 3rd June members were told it was likely the changes proposed by the Government would indeed require primary legislation but given the other priorities it was not yet certain whether time could be found for a Bill during this Parliamentary session.

Members will recall that the last Government had its own proposals for reforming the economic regulation of airports and there were consultations about them. It remains to be seen which, if any, of the proposals are taken up by the new Government.

Many of the proposals of the last Government would not have had any impact on London City Airport but one matter of concern to the Committee was the suggestion that *Passenger Focus (PF)* should take over from the *Air Transport Users Council (AUC)* the latter's role as the national body responsible for airline and airport consumer matters and how this might affect the role and work of Airport Consultative Committees. It is not known if the new Government will pursue this idea but it was nonetheless among the matters discussed at the UKACCs Annual Meeting last month which was attended by representatives of the DfT, PF and AUC. Those present at the meeting will update the Committee on what was said.

14. LONDON ASSEMBLY - INVESTIGATION INTO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF FUTURE EXPANSION AT CITY AIRPORT

At the Committee's last meeting the Secretary briefed members on his meeting that afternoon with the then Chairman of the GLA's Environment Committee, and two of the GLA's officers,

⁴ <http://www.ukaccs.info/meeting10.htm>

⁵ <http://www.ukaccs.info/airportbill2010.pdf>

during which he had provided them with factual information about the Committee and the environmental regime which operated at London City Airport.

The Committee noted that both the Airport and the London Borough of Newham had declined to participate in the GLA's proposed hearing on 10th June last on the basis that this might prejudice their position in relation to the forthcoming Judicial Review of the planning permission granted last year to raise the limit on the annual number of flights. It was possible that the GLA might in consequence move the date of the hearing until after those in connection with the Judicial Review had been completed.

In the event the GLA decided to defer the hearing until after the results of the Judicial Review were known but agreed nonetheless to use the time allocated on 10th June to visit the Airport for a briefing and to have a meeting with local residents in Britannia Village Hall. The Secretary was present at the meeting with the Airport and will report further at the meeting.

The Committee will wish to note that the Chairman of the GLA's Environment Committee is now Darren Johnson of the *Green Party*.

15. ANNUAL FAMILIARISATION FLIGHT

A number of members and observers took part in the Annual Familiarisation Flight to Glasgow on 16th June 2010. The itinerary for the day included a tour of the Departure Lounge and other airside areas at London City Airport to see the works carried out since last year as well as briefings at Glasgow by the Chairman of the *Glasgow Airport Consultative Committee* and by Glasgow Airport. This long established annual event affords members the opportunity to get to know one another better and allows them to experience first-hand the LCY product – this allows members to make more informed judgments about the Airport and related issues.

16. AIRPORT FUN DAY

On 10th June the Secretary circulated to members an Airport press release about Airport Fun Day in the Thames Barrier Park on Saturday 3rd July 2010. Members present at the event will report.

17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 5th October 2010 at 16.30 hours at City Aviation House, London City Airport.