



**Meeting of the Airports Commission
11th June 2013 – 13.00 – 16.00
Rm 6.02 Sanctuary Buildings**

Attendees:

Commission Members:

Sir Howard Davies – Chair
Professor Dame Julia King
Geoff Muirhead
Professor Ricky Burdett
Sir John Armitt

Apologies:

Vivienne Cox

Commission Secretariat:

Phil Graham



1. Welcome

Howard Davies welcomed the Commissioners to the meeting. All members had been sent copies of the relevant papers that were due to be discussed at the meeting. Howard reminded all of the requirement to ensure the register of interests was kept updated.

2. Note of last Meeting

The Commissioners were asked if they had any comments or corrections on the note of the last meeting - there were none.

3. Round up of stakeholder meetings attended

Howard Davies described his recent meetings with:

- Professor David Begg at the Transport Times Dinner.
- Sir Roy McNulty Chairman of Gatwick Airport.
- Members of the External Advisory Panel.

Howard Davies has forthcoming meetings with:

- Carolyn McCall (Chief Exec of easyJet)
- The TUC

4. Discussion of Interim Report structure

██████████ Secretariat presented the paper which was sent to the Commission prior to the meeting. The objective of the paper was to scope out the parameters of the Interim Report by considering a number of issues: Purpose, Objectives, Structure and Narrative.

The Commission asked whether HMG had previously made any policy statements regarding the UK's connectivity objectives. They were referred to the Aviation Policy Framework, but it was noted that this provided little detail other than stating that international connectivity is important.

In discussion, the following comments and suggestions on the slides presented were made:

- Need to be clear on the criteria for assessing capacity options and ensure a balanced approach to all the different issues.
- Content with the list of objectives but identified a number of other important target audiences:
 - i. London Mayor / SE Government / Regional Government
 - ii. Passengers / Tourism / Friends and Relatives
 - iii. Regulator
 - iv. Separate environmental and community
- Ensure BRIC countries and international links are covered.
- Show understanding of aviation industry and financeability.

5. Long term Options Gap Analysis

██████████ Secretariat presented a paper explaining the methodology used to identify gaps in expected long term option proposals and made recommendations as to which of these identified gaps should be worked up in sufficient detail by the secretariat to be able to be considered alongside those received from sponsors at the initial sift stage.

The recommendations in the paper were agreed by the Commission – including that the Secretariat should take forward the development of options relating to the Luton/Bedford area and the area to the West of Heathrow, but only in sufficient detail for consideration in the initial sift process.

6. Draft Noise Paper

██████████ Secretariat explained that the draft noise paper circulated to the Commission for this meeting was produced by noise experts at the CAA and has minimal input from the Secretariat. The paper was produced to provoke a discussion on the measurement and appraisal methodologies that are used around the world.



Commissioners commented that the paper was currently very technical and should be revised to reflect the style of other discussion papers. The Commission was reassured by the Secretariat that the paper would be re-written in less technical language and circulated to relevant Government experts and two of the expert advisory panel members as well as the Commission for comments.

A number of points were made in the discussion:

- It would be helpful to compare the UK against other countries in relation to aviation noise and approaches to mitigation
- If possible, it would be helpful to cover airframe noise and potential future developments to mitigate it
- The paper should consider social/psychological noise impacts

The secretariat would provisionally work to a publication timetable of Thursday 4th July.

7. Process going Forward to Interim Report

Philip Graham presented slides on the decision making timetable running up to the Airports Commission's Interim Report.

A number of points were noted:

- The noise paper should be clearly identified as informing the detailed phase 2 assessment, rather than the phase one sift process.
- It would be important to consider appropriately the wider implications of the options including for other airports, for example if a 4 runway Heathrow was an option would other airports have to close
- Need to start considering consistent and informative diagrams, charts etc – it would be helpful to share some examples of the proposed approach with the Commissioners at an early stage

8. Publication Paper

██████████ Secretariat presented a paper on the publication strategy for stakeholder submissions in which he asked the Commission to agree the strategy and timetable for publishing submissions received on the assessment of need, short and medium term options and long term capacity proposals. This was agreed as detailed in the paper.

9. Public Evidence Sessions

██████████ Secretariat updated the Commission on the confirmed attendees and on-going preparation for the public evidence sessions taking place in Manchester on 9th July and London 10th July 2013.