



**Meeting of the Airports Commission
18th December 2012
Birmingham Airport**

Attendees:

Commission Members

Sir Howard Davies – Chair

Vivienne Cox

Professor Ricky Burdett

Sir John Armitt

Professor Dame Julia King

Geoff Muirhead

Secretariat

Phil Graham

Mike Fawcett – Department for Transport

1. Introduction / Round up of stakeholder meetings attended

HD welcomed attendees to the meeting. HD updated all, of his recent meetings with the New York City partnership and the New York and New Jersey Port Authority and Tim Leunig.

2. Approach to producing the 2003 White Paper – ‘The Future of Air Transport’.

MF gave the Commission a presentation about the approach taken to develop the recommendations in the 2003 White Paper.

3. Programme of work

PG updated the Commission on the plans for resourcing the secretariat and on the approach to procuring consultancy support. PG took the Commission through the programme of work which would focus between January and July on the assessment of need followed by the consideration of the short, medium and long term options to meet this need in the second half of the year.

4. Submissions guidance scoping document

Secretariat took the Commission through the outline of the guidance document to be published in January. Key points discussed were that the proposed factors for consideration in respect of the long term options did not focus enough on the social impacts of the long term options. The focus also seemed to be on ‘economic benefits’ as opposed to ‘economic impacts’ which was an important distinction. The proposed factors for consideration in respect



of the long term options also needed to be considered in respect of their impact on other airports in the UK, the deliverability of the solution in commercial, social and technical terms, its alignment with regional strategies and also the social and health impacts of the options needed to be spelt out more. It would also be beneficial to ask proposers to set out explicitly how much the proposal would cost and who would be paying for it. The section on making best use of existing capacity also referred to needing to consider the impact of options on climate change emissions and this needed to be tightened to refer more closely to CO2 emissions and the long term impacts of CO2 emissions. The local impacts also needed to split the noise and air quality impacts into two sections.

Action: Secretariat to circulate a revised list of the factors to consider in respect of the long term option.

Action: HD to draft an introduction to the paper.

5. Demand paper scoping document

■ Secretariat took the Commission through the outline of the demand paper to be published alongside the guidance document in January.