

Aviation Management Board Meeting

RenewableUK Conference, Manchester Central Convention Complex, Petersfield, M2 3GX

Date: Wednesday 12 November 2014

Present

CG	Chris Gormley	DECC – Chair
JH	Jon Hayward	DECC
AW	Andy Wells	CAA
MD	Mark Deakin	CAA
SH	Simon Heyes	Infinis (AIFCL Chair)
DB	David Boyd	MOD
PG	Paul Gallagher	MOD
RM	Rachel Murphy	MOD
MB	Mark Balsdon	NATS
AB	Andrew Butterfield	MOD
DGC	Dujon Goncalves-Collins	RUK
MP	Matt Partridge	RUK
AM	Anne Mackenzie	Scottish Power (AIFCL Deputy Chair)
SC	Simon Coote	Scottish Government
MC	Matt Clear	The Crown Estate

Apologies

David Best DfT

Introduction, Minutes & Actions

- 1. CG opened the meeting by welcoming Anne Mackenzie to the Board. Apologies were noted and the agenda agreed.
- 2. The draft minutes from the 24 July AMB were noted and comments were requested ahead of publication. CG ran through the outstanding actions. DGC gave an update on progress with the RUK members' survey (Action 3). RUK did not have funds to tender for an external consultant to assist with the Survey for the coming year. DGC asked if Board members were able to provide comment in his proposed survey design and timelines; all agreed to review. Action 44 was agreed to have been completed. Action 57 remains open and DGC committed to discuss further with AoA. Action 63 also remains open. DECC had completed Action 64. Actions 58 to 62 were discussed under substantive agenda items.

Action 65: RUK to contact Board members regarding data requirements for the RUK survey.

Aviation Plan Progress Report

3. JH gave an overview of the dashboard report. The main highlights during the period concerned the good progress with the military air traffic control workstream and the Aviation Plan update and DECC website refresh which were subsequently discussed as substantive items.

Fund Management Board (FMB) Update

4. SH gave the Board a brief update on the FMB's earlier discussions. The FMB had received presentations from the CAA on the Future Airspace Strategy and from MOD on military air traffic control. SH also noted that the FMB had no active projects at the moment.

Aviation Plan Update / DECC Website Refresh

5. The Board conducted a detailed assessment of a draft of the Aviation Plan. Issues raised included the addition of potential new workstreams, the availability of suitable statistical data and the interaction of the AMB with the Scottish Wind Farm and Aviation Group. The AIFCL agreed to consider whether its members' logos should be included in the final document.

Action 66: Board members were asked to provide final comments to DECC by 20 November.

MOD Update

- 6. PG updated the Board on the progress of work underway to resolve the questions around 'next steps' implementation. He explained that MOD had recently awarded the contract for 'Project Marshall' and that MOD remained committed to pursuing a technical solution that would be available to all. However, some uncertainty remained over the timings of the 'next steps' as milestones will need to dovetail with the wider Project Marshal roll-out. MOD acknowledged that understanding timings is critical for those projects with live planning conditions and is looking into this as a matter of urgency.
- 7. On air defence, PG advised that the upgrade of air defence radars at RAF Buchan and RAF Benbecula were underway and it was expected that it would be completed by mid-2015. MOD was giving consideration to producing a guidance document that would set out the process that developers need to follow in order to access the mitigation. The Board discussed the issue of capacity and technical mitigation for small and single turbines and MOD agreed to update on progress at the next AMB.

Action 67: MOD to make air defence mitigation guidance document available.

Action 68: MOD to update FMB on progress with the single turbine study.

Lighting

8. DGC advised the AMB that RUK members have highlighted cases where MOD has issued planning conditions that they consider to be outwith the agreed guidance. AM was also aware of the issue and asked whether there had been a change in MOD policy. AB advised that new MOD guidance had been drawn up. The guidance would be sent to RUK for publishing on its website. AB noted that the assessment of planning applications remains on a case by case basis.

Action 69: MOD to forward revised lighting guidance to RUK for web publication.

Any Other Business

9. None.

Next Meeting/Dates of Future Meeting

10. The dates of the AMB's 2015 meetings were set for 24 March, 25 June and 5 November 2015.

END

Annex A – Open Actions

	Owner	Action	Expected Date	Status
3	RenewableUK	To refresh the Evidence regularly for updates to the Aviation Plan	Annual updates	On-going
44	CAA	KL to draft text for inclusion in the guidance.	23 Jan 2014	Closed
51	DECC	JH to progress work on dashboard template.	24 July 2014	Closed
52	DECC/TCE/MO D	DECC, TCE and MOD to meet to discuss air defence mitigation issues.	24 July 2014	Closed
53	NATS	NATS to circulate the Project RM Information Pack to AMB members.	24 July 2014	Closed
54	CAA	KL to circulate an update on the aircraft communications research.	24 July 2014	Closed
55	NATS	NATS to provide details of the projects or MWs affected by aircraft communications objections.	24 July 2014	Closed
56	AMB	AMB to report to DECC on the recommendations in Paper 2014/1.	24 July 2014	Closed
57	CAA	CAA and RUK to engage with AOA on future AMB membership [REVISED].	24 July 2014	Open
58	MOD	MOD to develop ATC milestones for the dashboard.	12 November 2014	Open
59	RUK	RUK to investigate/identify possible sites for inclusion in the single turbine study	12 November 2014	Open
60	MOD and RUK	MOD and RUK to consider comms on MOD workstreams – specifically on the single turbine study.	12 November 2014	Open
61	MOD and CAA	MOD and CAA to meet to discuss overlap of workstreams and discuss how best to work together.	12 November 2014	Open
62	NATS & MOD	NATS and MOD to discuss the Project RM funding model.	12 November 2014	Open
63	NATS	MB to circulate timeframe for Project RM	12 November	Open
64	DECC	DECC to circulate a draft of the Aviation Plan to AMB members within 8 weeks.	18 September 2014	Closed
65	RUK	RUK to contact Board members regarding data requirements for the RUK survey	24 March 2015	Open

66	ALL	Board members to provide final comments on the Aviation Plan to	24 March 2015	Open
		DECC by 20 November		
67	MOD	MOD to make air defence mitigation guidance document available	24 March 2015	Open
68	MOD	MOD to update FMB on progress with the single turbine study.	24 March 2015	Open
69	MOD	MOD to forward revised lighting guidance to RUK for web publication.	24 March 2015	Open