

Email from Alicia Fox baccsecretary@g,mail.com date 12/02/2021

Dear Members,

Please see below email from UKACC, I have also attached this weeks bulletin to this email rather than sending an additional one.

Many thanks,

Alicia

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From: **UKACCs Secretariat** <ukaccliaisongroup@gmail.com>

Date: Thu, Feb 11, 2021 at 4:29 PM

Subject: Fwd: UKACCs Monthly Meeting with DfT

To: UKACCs Secretariat <ukaccliaisongroup@gmail.com>

Dear colleagues,

Just to let you know that the Minister Chaired Airspace Strategy Board that was due to be held this week was postponed. I will forward to you separately (once I've received it) the letter from the Minister about the postponement.

However, our monthly catch-up meeting with the DfT's Head of Airport Engagement, Wayne Gasson, took place today and below is a very brief summary of the key points we covered:

- Aviation Recovery Plan – with the most recent lockdown the DfT needed to restart work on the reset plan given the ongoing pandemic and deepening crisis for the industry. The recovery plan will now probably be issued in Summer 2021. The sequence leading up to its release starts with the Prime Minister's UK Lockdown Road Map (22 Feb), Spring Budget (3 March), next steps on Climate Change, Net Zero, Airspace Modernisation (Spring) and then Aviation Recovery Plan (Summer) and longer term aviation strategy (end of 2021). All timeframes are still very fluid at this stage.
- UKACCs Meeting with Minister – DfT will recommend that the Minister accepts our request to meet. It'll probably be a 30 mins slot so we need to focus on what we need to highlight. The Minister hears much from the industry about the crisis but he would be interested to hear about matters of wider community interest and sense of "Place".
Suggestions on focus included:
 - ACC views on the impact of reduced airport operations due to COVID on communities and economies around airports and how ACCs are engaged on this topic.
 - How ACCs ensure transparency of their deliberations, particularly with virtual meetings

- Maximising opportunities to reset the industry, including a possible rebrand of ACCs to help raise our profile/increase transparency/wider understanding of ACCs' role – such as a rename as "Committee" or "Board" sounds outdated/corporate/boring and there's no reference to "Independent". (see ref below to outcomes of survey). We need to give some thought on what ACCs could be called going forward as part of any rebrand proposals that may come forward.
- Results of IPSOS Mori survey into HCEB's work/engagement are likely to be published in Mid-March. This is social research with no recommendations or conclusions but will help identify areas where ACCs might wish to reflect upon. Whilst it is recognised that the survey is LHR specific, there may be issues that might have implications for the wider ACC community. The DfT will invite UKACCs to participate in a stakeholder briefing which will be held shortly before the publication.
- Planning, airport expansion and current "making best use of existing runways" policy – The DfT has set up a planning policy team looking at the wider picture of airport planning and expansion and whether the "making best use" policy is still fit for purpose. The gap in policy provision to manage significant incremental growth at airports that falls outside the planning system was raised and the DfT is alive to this issue, the need for airports to "be a good neighbour" and "sense of place". The need for joined up thinking between Government Departments was again highlighted.

I hope you find this update helpful (which is not for wider circulation/publication). If there are matters you would like us to raise at our next monthly meeting (11 March), please let me know.

Best regards

Paula