

LONDON SOUTHEND AIRPORT

Minutes of meeting No. 117 of the Consultative Committee held on Wednesday 22 November 2023 at 2pm at Southend Airport

Present: David Osborn	Chairperson
Murray Foster	Deputy Chairperson
Jo Marchetti	Corporate and Social Responsibility (CSR) Manager, LSA
Sam Petrie	Airport Development Co-ordinator, LSA
Lana Balmer	Independent Representative
Mike Davies	Independent Representative
Ray Howard, MBE	Independent Representative
Councillor Michael Fuller	Castle Point Borough Council
Councillor Jill Reeves	Essex County Council
Councillor Lee Scott	Essex County Council
Councillor Mike Steptoe	Essex County Council
Zhanine Smith (Officer)	Essex County Council
Councillor James Gooding	Rochford District Council
Councillor Michael Hoy	Rochford District Council
Councillor Simon Wootton	Rochford District Council
Daniel Kudla (Officer)	Rochford District Council
Councillor David Garston	Southend-on-Sea City Council
Councillor Robert McMullan	Southend-on-Sea City Council
Councillor Steven Wakefield	Southend-on-Sea City Council
Marshall Mhiribidi (Officer)	Southend-on-Sea City Council
Jacqui Dallimore	Southend Business Partnership
Les Sawyer	Residents Assoc (West Leigh)
Ron Smithson	Southend Flying Clubs
Emma McDonnell	Secretary (Minutes)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received from John Upton, Marc Taylor, Caroline Fitzgerald, Philip Drane and Councillor Flewitt.

2. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS AND WELCOME

- 2.1 The Chairperson welcomed attendees and reminded everyone of confidentiality until the minutes are published in draft on LSA's website, the process of which will continue in a speedy manner.
- 2.2 The Chairperson asked all attendees to introduce themselves for the benefit of new members.

3. MEMBERSHIP

- 3.1 The meeting welcomed Jacqui Dallimore, Managing Director of Roslin Beach Hotel, who is now a member of the LSACC representing Southend Business Partnership. Zhanine Smith advised that Councillor Cunningham is no longer a member, and his replacement is Councillor Lee Scott.

4. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

- 4.1 The Chairperson reminded members to declare any conflicts of interest at each quarterly meeting.
- 4.2 Councillor McMullan declared that he holds a PPL and is a member of Seawing Flying Club.

5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING 13 SEPTEMBER 2023**

- 5.1 The minutes were formally adopted and can be uploaded in final form on to the LSA website. **Actioned – remove from minutes.**

6. **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

- 6.1 Sam Petrie reassured Councillor Fuller that right turns on departure from runway 05 when the danger complex is inactive is routine, and the only exception from this rule would be an aircraft departing to the northwest which would be offered the left turn. **Actioned – remove from minutes.**

7. **POINTS FORWARD DIARY**

7.1 **Airport Surface Access Strategy (ASAS) Review**

- 7.1.1 Progress report on the ASAS Review document and its targets to be discussed on an annual basis by the committee.
- 7.1.2 Jo Marchetti advised that there was very little to update against targets in relation to this document due to low passenger numbers, as the Airport is still in recovery phase as a result of the pandemic. Once passenger numbers reach 1.5-2 million, this will trigger the review. The Transport Liaison group will continue to monitor progress. **Transfer to Points Forward Diary November 2024.**

8. **'PASSENGERS WITH REDUCED MOBILITY' (PRM) FORUM 31 OCTOBER 2023**

- 8.1 Les Sawyer commented that the meeting in October was extremely informative. The Airport shared the results of a recent CAA passenger survey. Feedback had been received from passengers who took the time to write to express their appreciation for the outstanding assistance provided by the Airport when departing/arriving.
- 8.2 Jo Marchetti reported that the results of the CAA passenger survey confirmed that 90% of passengers rated LSA as 'excellent' in terms of the quality of assistance provided for PRM when arriving/departing. Only two complaints had been received since March. One complaint about using paper surveys and a single complaint from a passenger being disembarked from an arriving aircraft. The Airport has now purchased a ProMove sling to assist passengers seated in Row 1 being transferred to a wheelchair.

9. **FASI ACP (FUTURE AIRSPACE STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION) (AIRSPACE CHANGE PROPOSAL)**

- 9.1 Sam Petrie advised that LSA had resubmitted the Stage 2 documentation on Friday 3 November, and the reworked documents will be assessed in the December 23 gateway. Once LSA has successfully passed through the gateway (a decision is expected in December 23), work will begin on Stage 3 'Consult'. There are 4 parts to Stage 3:
- Stage 3A: Consultation Preparation
 - Stage 3B: Consultation Approval > Gateway
 - Stage 3C: Commence Consultation
 - Stage 3D: Collate and Review Responses

10. CEO REPORT

10.1 The Committee reviewed the report covering the period August to October 2023. This report is published separately on the LSA website and should be read in conjunction with comments/questions below. No questions were submitted in advance of the meeting from members.

10.2 The Chairperson commented that it would be taken as 'read' and the following questions/comments were raised during the meeting:

10.2.1 Councillor McMullan stated that he was pleased to see more routes, however, a number of the schedules were quite late in the evening which, if a regular pattern of movements occurs after midnight due to delays, more complaints could arise from residents. Sam Petrie thanked Councillor McMullan for his valid point, stating that this summer Palma and Faro were the latest schedules and from LSA's perspective, they would encourage easyJet to have 'based' aircraft at the Airport which would dictate better schedules in the future.

10.2.2 The Chairperson congratulated the Jet Centre which now has two based aircraft (2Excel and Kitso) for winning 'Best FBO' (fixed based operation) in the country.

10.2.3 Jo Marchetti summarised the recruitment event on 24 October and gave a brief update on 'Community Relations', and Lana Balmer (also a poppy appeal administrator) reported that over £16,000 had been raised in the Shoeburyness area, demonstrating how generous people continue to be for this worthy cause. Lana explained that she was also on the PTA of a SECAT school and would gladly connect LSA with the Trust.

10.2.4 Should any LSACC member or colleague wish to join the Noise Forum, then registering interest can be carried out via the Airport's website.

10.2.5 Councillor Garston was advised to review the Noise Forum minutes to assist with any resident queries relating to the justification of circuits carried out by light aircraft.

10.2.6 Following Councillor McMullan's query, Sam Petrie advised that separate drainage captures any run-off de-icing fluid on stands by the Terminal, which is then collected in underground tanks, before being treated and then safely discharged to the foul sewer.

10.2.7 Councillor Hoy encourages LSA to work towards Jet Zero by 2040 and that the Airport be measured against the DfT's 2050 policy. Jo Marchetti to ask Marc Taylor for an update and include the response in these minutes.

Response: London Southend Airport's Net Zero Plan is currently in development to identify the short/medium term targets, guiding LSA towards achieving zero emission airport operations (i.e. net zero Scope 1 and 2 emissions) by 2040 in line with Government targets. The Net Zero Plan will be regularly evaluated and updated to address changes in operations (i.e. passenger and aircraft throughput) and available measures and opportunities to reduce carbon emissions.

In terms of Scope 1 and 2 emissions, the largest contributors to LSA's Greenhouse Gas (GHG) footprint are purchased electricity (Scope 2) and diesel fuel consumption, which make up 87% and 10% of the Airport's Scope 1 and 2 GHG footprint respectively. Short/medium term strategies to address these emissions are being explored, including the migration to 100% renewable electricity supply and a phased fleet transfer to EV.

LSA's existing GHG footprint is dominated by emissions from flights, with Scope 3 emissions including flights and passenger surface transport making up over 98% of the Airport's total GHG footprint. With regard to flights, LSA expects to work closely with its airline partners as they continue to invest in their own carbon reduction activities. On the surface access front, LSA will continue to market and optimise the use of its railway station to its passengers.

10.2.8 Councillor Wakefield requested an update in relation to the Airport establishing a hydrogen fuel hub. Jo Marchetti to ask Marc Taylor for an update and include the response in these minutes.

Response: London Southend Airport continues to support airlines and its partners to further develop hydrogen in aviation, as technology improves solutions may become more viable at LSA. However, initial investigations suggest a hydrogen fuel hub would require a substantial land grab (circa 120 acres) for the solar generation required to supply a generation plant.

10.2.9 Following Councillor Fuller's query regarding what security levels are applied to private aircraft and what practices are in place to ensure no malicious intent, Sam Petrie confirmed that the Airport strictly follows DfT regulations and any change in threat level, they would respond accordingly. Police information is passed to LSA, and additional measures are implemented if needed. Sam went on to explain that in relation to small farms for example with air strips, a letter of agreement is in place allowing them to operate that facilitates access to LSA's airspace. Risk is minimised.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 Les Sawyer expressed his appreciation to Emma McDonnell and Jo Marchetti for their ongoing support of the LSACC.

12. DATES OF 2024 MEETINGS

The next Committee meetings, starting at 2pm, are as follows:

Tuesday 27 February
Wednesday 22 May
Wednesday 11 September
Wednesday 20 November



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!



The meeting ended at 15:05

Signed _____ Date: _____