



Abbreviated Minutes of Executive Meeting 22nd April 2016

- 1) Welcome.
The Vice Chairman welcomed all to the meeting due to the delayed arrival of the Chairman
- 2) Attendance
The Chairman and fourteen Members and the presenter for item 7
- 3) Apologies
There were two apologies
- 4) Minutes of the Executive Meeting on 22nd January 2016
Were signed by the Vice Chairman as a true record
The minutes of the Council Meeting of 11th March 2016 were noted.
- 5) Matters Arising
The outcome of the Cranford Planning Application is still awaited.
- 6) Airport Expansion
DfT additional work is expected to be complete over the summer and a decision on the additional runway expected before the Conference season. The National Policy statement will follow later.
The Airspace Modernisation and Policy Development document is awaiting Ministerial approval prior to consultation with it in place spring 2017. Government prefers concentrated routes at present but may change after consultation.
The Press seem to be assuming Heathrow is expanded.
Most people are tolerant of occasional noise but not continual noise.
DfT have commissioned an Ipsos/Mori to update the outdated noise studies. This is, since December, being peer reviewed. It is likely to show more people annoyed by aircraft noise than 30years ago when last study was carried out.

The Chairman arrived and took over the Chair.
- 7) **DfT Presentation on Airspace Modernisation and Policy.**
The Chair welcomed the DfT speaker and the Director set the scene for the presentation. The presentation covered the Governments role in regulating airspace and noise, its influence over the CAA navigation function, how noise impacts are taken into account, balancing the needs of the industry, passengers and communities and the proportionate use of operating processes.
At the conclusion of the presentation a lively Q & A session took place.
The Chairman thanked the DfT for their input to the debate.

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8) CAA/NATS Consultation

It is clear that the use of airspace will change. Routes are likely to reflect the results of the recent route trials which have provoked many complaints... If there is a third runway at Heathrow 45% more residents will be affected.

CAP1389 is the consultation document to which we are currently responding which closes mid June.

Director to prepare a response for circulation prior to the June Council meeting.

9) HAAC Report.

The Chairman reported on the Meeting of 20th April. There has been an increase in flights direct to regional Airports. Heathrow has closer ties with Hong Kong where there is no curfew.

There is a need for a more detailed noise complaints procedure. Many complaints come from just a few people.

There is only one LA member on the Steering Group (from Slough)

Heathrow will continue in its present form if the additional runway goes elsewhere.

600 jobs are dependent on night flights remaining.

10) UK Air Traffic Figures

These are continuing on an upward trend for both Heathrow and London as a whole

11) Any Other Business.

There was none.

Meeting closed at 12.45pm.

Date of next meeting
Council 10th June 2016
Executive 15th July 2016

All Meetings are held at 10.30am in Spelthorne Council Offices, Knowle Green Staines, TW18 1XB