

PRESENT: Denis Knowles, Chairman of Consultative Committee  
Lila Bennett, Transform  
Suzanne Cain, Merseytravel  
Councillor Keith Deakin, St Helen's Metropolitan Borough Council  
Councillor Evelyn Hudson, Hale Parish Council  
Councillor Tom McInerney, Halton Borough Council  
Jordi Morell, Cheshire West and Chester and North Wales Chamber of  
Commerce  
Marshall Morris, Deputy Chairman  
Simon Osborne, National Trust  
Councillor Ralph Oultram, Cheshire West and Chester Council  
Steve Pearse, Friends of Liverpool Airport  
Tony Rice, Transform  
Councillor Colin Rowan, Hale Bank Parish Council  
Councillor Bob Swann, Halewood Town Council  
Councillor Frank Thomas, Helsby Parish Council  
Angus Tilston MBE, Wirral Transport Users Association  
Councillor Mark Warren, Frodsham Town Council  
Liverpool John Lennon Airport  
Robin Tudor, Head of Public Relations, Peel Airports  
Secretariat  
Mike A Jones, Assistant Secretary

**30 APOLOGIES**

Naomi Hadden, MACANAD  
Councillor Allan Harvey, Halewood Town Council  
Councillor Roy Harvey, Hale Bank Parish Council  
Alex Naughton, Merseytravel  
Councillor Steve Parish, Warrington Borough Council  
Councillor Michael Roche, Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council

**31 DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INTERESTS**

Councillor Mark Warren declared a pecuniary interest as a pilot working for EasyJet.

**32 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman:

- announced that Dr Peter Teebay, who had been the representative on the Consultative Committee for the Merseyside Association for Control of Aircraft Noise and Airport Development (MACANAD) since at least 1995, had died of cancer in July. The Committee stood in a minute's silence to his memory;
- welcomed Tom McInerney and Bob Swann to their first meeting; and
- informed members that he would take the item on the Evacuation of Disabled People after the presentation from Merseytravel as both had representatives present.

### **33 MINUTES OF MEETING FRIDAY, 30 MAY 2014 OF LIVERPOOL AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

**DECIDED: That**

Subject to Councillor Allan Harvey's apologies being recorded from Halewood Town Council the minutes of the meeting of the Consultative Committee held on 30 May 2014 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **34 MINUTES OF NOISE MONITORING SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**DECIDED: That**

the minutes of the meeting of the Noise Monitoring Sub-Committee on 9 May 2014 and 18 July 2014 be received.

### **35 MEMBERSHIP**

The Assistant Secretary announced the latest appointments to membership, and then detailed several instances where Members had not attended for three meetings. Under the Committee's Constitution, if a Member does not attend three meetings, they will be asked to explain their non-attendance and their comments would be given to the Committee, who could then decide whether to accept the reasons or investigate replacement of the member concerned.

The instances of non-attendance given were the following:

- Councillor Mary Rasmussen, Liverpool City Council Speke-Garston Ward. Mary had been a member on the Noise Monitoring Sub-Committee since at least September 2010, and last attended that meeting April 2013 though she had sent apologies to each meeting since. She was appointed to the Consultative Committee too since November 2013. She was written to on 4 June 2014 with no response.
- Alan Ascott, Arch-under the Bridge had been appointed in April 2013 to replace Karen Saunders from Garston Under The Bridge Community who had not attended for a long time. Alan was from the parent organisation but had never attended or replied to any communication. He was last emailed on 3 June 2014.
- Wirral Older Peoples Parliament: The previous representative Geoffrey Dormand had suffered a stroke and subsequently, three other members had expressed interest in becoming the representative. A representative and Deputy had been appointed in February but had not attended.

Members discussed the issues and suggested actions to resolve them. They were keen not to lose representation on any of the bodies, as they were all relevant and local.

**DECIDED: That**

(1) the following changes in membership be noted:

- (i). Councillor Bob Swann replacing Councillor Tommy Fearn as representative for Knowsley Borough Council on the Consultative Committee;

- (ii). Councillor Tom McInerney replacing Councillor John Stockton as representative for Halton Borough Council on the Consultative Committee;
  - (iii). Christina Williams resigned from the Consultative Committee as representative for Liverpool City Council Neighbourhood Management Service. Since the Service was going through a major staff and duties reorganisation it was removed from the membership list;
  - (iv). Councillor John Fillis was reappointed for Lancashire County Council as their named representative, with Councillor Cynthia Dereli as his Deputy;
  - (v). Councillor Michael Roche was reappointed as representative for Sefton Borough Council with Councillor Andy Dams as his Deputy; and
  - (vi). Dr Peter Teebay, representative of MACANAD (Merseyside Association for Control of Aircraft Noise and Airport Development) since at least 1995, has passed away at the age of 83 following a battle with cancer.
- (2) Liverpool City Council be asked to provide a Deputy or replacement for Councillor Mary Rasmussen on Speke Garston Ward;
  - (3) the Assistant Secretary investigate the Arch-under-the-bridge community to identify a representative who can attend regularly; and
  - (4) the representatives for Wirral Older People's Parliament be approached concerning attendance at meetings.

### **36 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

David Lovell from Friends of Liverpool Airport attended for the Merseytravel presentation in Minute 38 below and did not ask any questions in this item.

### **37 QUARTERLY REPORT**

Robin Tudor, Head of Public Relations, presented the Airport's Quarterly Business Report, covering April to June 2014. Overall, there had been a reduction in the number of flights but an increase in load factors from remaining routes. Looking ahead, there were no reductions scheduled for Summer 2015.

Key points (with changes given in comparison with the equivalent period in the previous year) included:

- EasyJet had seen a 2% increase in passenger numbers despite 5% reduction in capacity;
- Ryanair's throughput for the period had decreased by 13%, despite a 17% reduction in capacity, with increased load factors on some routes;
- Flybe had a load factor increase of 14%;
- Wizz Air saw a 32% decrease in traffic following withdrawal of the Vilnius route, but increased load factors by 6% on some routes;

- Airport parking numbers remained strong, with an incident rate of around 0.002%. Members noted that people can now prebook spaces at the multi storey car park;
- the extension of the perimeter fence to the East of the runway had been delayed following boundary clarification but the Section 106 agreement was awaited from Halton Borough Council. Start of works was expected early in 2015;
- A new CEO had been appointed – Andrew Cornish, who had previously been employed at Manchester Airport and Aer Lingus;
- Blue Air was to start flying to and from Bucharest in December 2014;
- The Airport submitted a detailed response to the Airports Commission consultation 'Discussion Paper 06: Utilisation of the UK's Existing Airport Capacity' in July, with a focus on: The need to provide access to a London hub airport; Strategic importance of regional airports; and Options that could support regional airports.
- The Airport will be responding to the 'Transport Select Committee Small Airports inquiry' relating to the role of smaller airports;
- The Government had indicated that it will commit £10.4 million of funding to reinstate the Halton Curve Rail Link.
- Customer Services surveys continued to bring good results, with over 80% of passengers taking less than 10 minutes to pass through security.

**DECIDED: That**

the quarterly report be received.

**38 UPDATE PRESENTATION FROM MERSEYTRAVEL**

Suzanne Cain from Merseytravel gave a presentation to members on:

1. Merseytravel and the Combined Authority;
2. Progress on the new integrated Local Transport Plan for the Liverpool City Region (LTP4); and
3. An update on the Review of Surface Access to the Airport.

The presentation is attached to these minutes for information. The Combined Authority covered six Council areas, and Merseytravel was its transport delivery and advisory body. The Corporate Plan for the Authority included 14 strategic priorities, including:-

- Develop long term rail strategy
- A SMART and integrated ticketing offer
- Modernisation of the Merseyrail fleet
- Improving connectivity within the City Region and immediate boundaries
- Embed transport in key Liverpool City Region developments through the five year Transport Strategy

Items of particular interest to the Consultative Committee included:

- The Halton Curve railway line which continued to develop, with the Government committing £10.4 million for capital costs, but was subject to a business case and had been undergoing a demand study.
- A review of surface access to Liverpool Airport which was commissioned in September 2013 for completion by the end of 2014.

Committee members questioned Suzanne and commented on different aspects of the plans, especially surface access to the airport, and were grateful to receive the comprehensive update.

**DECIDED: That**

the Merseytravel update presentation be received.

**39 EVACUATION OF DISABLED PEOPLE AND THE ORGANISATION IS ACCESS AND EVAQU8**

Tony Rice, Vice Chairman of the North West Access Association, attended the meeting to present to members a new app for mobile phones and tablets.

The app had been developed for disabled people to allow them to access Personal Emergency Evacuation Plans (PEEPs) with the buildings of participating organisations. These PEEPs detail how people with reduced mobility or sensory disabilities would evacuate a building during an emergency, and could be tailored for particular abilities. The app downloaded the Plan, tailored to the individual and their abilities and language, and in the event of an emergency would then alert with a vibrate or alarm and display it in an appropriate format. E.g. verbally or visually.

Wirral Council had welcomed the app as it allowed them to monitor usage of buildings by disabled people and also allowed them to inform users of other suitable services. The app could be adapted, for instance at Theme Parks so that users would know if a ride was suitable for them.

Following discussion and general approval, the Airport agreed it was a good initiative and would investigate adoption of the app.

**40 ANNUAL MEETING OF AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES**

Following a lengthy meeting, this item was deferred to a future meeting.

**41 DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT GUIDELINES FOR CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES**

Following a lengthy meeting, this item was deferred to a future meeting.

**42 COMPLAINTS AND QUERIES**

There had been no complaints or queries received by the Secretariat since the last meeting.

**43 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Liverpool John Lennon Airport Consultative Committee is scheduled for Friday 21 November 2014 at 10.30 am in the Cavern Suite, Liverpool John Lennon Airport.

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## Merseytravel Update

Suzanne Cain  
Transport Policy Coordinator, Merseytravel

September 12<sup>th</sup> 2014



## Content

- Merseytravel and the Combined Authority
- Progress on the new integrated Local Transport Plan for the Liverpool City Region (LTP4)
- Update on the Review of Surface Access to the Airport



## The LCR Combined Authority

- Statutory city region-wide body
- Transport, economic development, regeneration, skills and housing
- 6 LA leaders and Chair of the LEP
- Functions of ITA transferred to CA, along with Halton's local transport authority powers
- 20 member Merseytravel Committee
- Merseytravel is CA's transport delivery and advisory body



## Merseytravel's current priorities

- Transitional Corporate Plan for 2014/15
- 14 strategic priorities, including:-
  - Develop long term rail strategy
  - A SMART and integrated ticketing offer
  - Develop the freight strategy
  - Modernisation the Merseyrail fleet
  - Improving connectivity within the City Region and our immediate boundaries
  - Embed transport in key LCR developments







## Linking Transport to Growth

- New capital funding regime from April 2015
- Growth Plan and the Growth Deal (Local Growth Fund)
- LCR's Growth Plan co-ordinated by the LEP and submitted to government in March.
- Transport a key theme within the Growth Plan
- The five strategic growth projects:-
  - Liverpool City Centre
  - Liverpool City Region Freight and Logistics Hub – inc. funding for Halton Curve
  - Multi-modal Port Access – Accessing the Port of Liverpool
  - LCR<sub>2</sub> Energy
  - City Regional Capital Investment Fund



## Halton Curve

- £10.4m through Local Growth Fund
- Subject to business case; funding only for capital costs
- Demand study almost complete
  - strong case for new service
  - Further work required on detail, e.g. Chester or beyond; hourly or half hourly; stopping pattern
- GRIP 3 study



## Halton Curve – Next Steps

- Outline/Full business case
- Further work on freight and new stations
- Further option testing
- Ongoing discussions:
  - Network Rail
    - Operational costs
    - Infrastructure renewals
    - Timetable revisions
  - Welsh Govt and DfT
    - Franchise specifications
  - TOCs
    - Commercial aspects



## Local Transport Plan

- Statutory requirement to produce an LTP and keep it under review.
- To contain both policies (strategy) and implementation plans, which can be reviewed on different timescales.
- To take into account Government policy
- To have regard to Government guidance with respect to the mitigation of, or adaptation to, climate change protection or improvement of the environment. Its not just about “Growth”
- Form and content is to be decided locally.



## Process for updating LTP

- Amalgamation of the 2 LTPs, (Merseyside and Halton)
- What's in, what's out, what's new, what's revised
- Have National policy objectives shifted?
- How do LTPs fit with the strategic transformational projects in the SEP?
- It's not all about growth
- Repositioned and refocused



## Transport Strategy for the LCR

- 5 year transport strategy
  - Indicative delivery plan
  - Focus on new governance and strategic context of CA
  - Framework for delivery of transport schemes and projects
- Simple and accessible



## Review of Surface Access to the Airport

- Commissioned in September 2013
- Short and Medium term actions
  - improve connections for in/outbound passengers
- Four workstreams
- Supports the LJLA overall master plan
- Influence development of existing services



## Surface Access Workstreams

- Integrated Marketing
  - Visibility of info; joint marketing to key markets
- Enhancing customer experience
  - Cleaning and maintenance
  - New signage
- Improving research and intelligence
  - User surveys; “fill in” gaps in data
- Passenger Transport Services and infrastructure
  - Priority action areas; ticketing and new ASAS
  - Enhance quality of existing routes



## Short Term Delivery Plan

- Completion by end of 2014
- Evidence gathering
- “Quick wins”
- Signage improvements refresh RTI
- National Rail Journey Planner



## Medium Term Delivery Plan

- Future demand and service provision
- Effective marketing
- Ticketing Strategy – improved offer for visitors
- Updates to Airport Masterplan and ASAS



## More details are available at:

- **Combined Authority**
  - <http://councillors.knowsley.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CId=890&Year=0&StyleType=standard&StyleSize=none>
- **Growth Deal**
  - <http://www.liverpoollep.org/pdf/LCR%20Growth%20Deal.pdf>
- **Merseytravel Committee**
  - LTP/Transport Strategy (item 46)
  - Surface Access (item 48)
  - <http://moderngov.merseytravel.uk.net/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=326&Mid=1108&Ver=4>