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## LIVERPOOL JOHN LENNON AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Friday, 17 February 2023

### PRESENT:

Bob Swann, Chair  
Councillor Andy Bowden, St Helens Council  
Norman Elias, Vice Chair  
Councillor Chris Ellams, Helsby Council  
Councillor Lynn Gibbon, Cheshire West & Chester Council  
Keith Levin, LAGUA  
Jordi Morell, West Chester BID  
Alex Naughton, Liverpool City Region Combined Authority  
Councillor Jo O'Donoghue, Frodsham Council  
Councillor Steve Parish, Warrington Council  
Steve Pearse, Friends of Liverpool Airport  
Tony Rice, disabled persons representative  
Councillor Michael Roche, Sefton Council  
Connor Williams, Liverpool & Sefton Chamber of Commerce & Industry  
Councillor Bill Woolfall, Halton Council

### Liverpool John Lennon Airport

Robin Tudor, Head of Public Relations  
Christina Smith, Customer Services  
Andrew Dutton, Head of Environment

### Secretariat

Katherine Brown

### 63 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from:

Councillor Tony Brennan, Knowsley  
Councillor Liz Grey, Wirral;  
Simon Osborne, National Trust

### 64 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of personal interests.

### 65 **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

Nominations were invited to be Chair of the Consultative Committee until the AGM meeting in February 2024.

Steve Pearse nominated Bob Swann.  
Councillor Bill Woolfall seconded the nomination.

There were no other nominations.

**Resolved –**

**That Bob Swann be appointed Chair of the Consultative Committee until the AGM meeting in February 2024.**

Bob Swann took the Chair's position.

## 66 **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR**

Nominations were invited to be Vice-Chair of the Consultative Committee until the AGM meeting in February 2024.

Councillor Bill Woolfall nominated Norman Elias.  
Steve Pearse seconded the nomination.

There were no other nominations.

**Resolved – That Norman Elias be appointed Vice-Chair of the Consultative Committee until the AGM meeting in February 2024.**

## 67 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no Chairman's announcements.

## 68 **MINUTES**

**Resolved: That**

- (1) the minutes of the Liverpool Airport Consultative Committee meeting held on 18 November 2022 be agreed as a correct record; and**
- (2) the minutes of the Noise Monitoring Sub-Committee meeting held on 20 January 2023 be received and noted.**

## 69 **MEMBERSHIP**

The Secretary informed the Committee that there had been no changes in membership since the last meeting, and appointments for the Airport Transport Forum were invited.

Steve Pearse was nominated by Norman Elias and seconded by Bill Woolfall

There were no other nominations.

**Resolved: That Steve Pearse would be the representative on the Liverpool Airport Transport Forum.**

70 **APPOINTMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEES**

The Committee considered the reappointment of the Noise Monitoring Sub-Committee and General Purposes Sub-Committee.

**Resolved – That in accordance with paragraph 8.5 of the Constitution the Noise Monitoring Sub Committee and General Purposes Sub-Committee be reappointed for 2023/2024 with the Terms of Reference and membership categories as detailed in the Constitution.**

71 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There was a member of the public present to observe the meeting and no questions had been submitted in advance.

72 **QUARTERLY BUSINESS REPORT**

Robin Tudor shared information from the Quarterly Business Report.

Key points included:

- Commercial passenger traffic has improved significantly over the previous year, however it is still 73% of pre-covid levels.
- Easyjet has announced they will base a new aircraft at the airport and establish a new route to Corfu. This advancement will create 40 new jobs.
- Ryanair has announced they will base a new aircraft at the airport, also adding new routes to Ibiza Madrid, Rome and Shannon, this advancement will create 30 jobs.
- Lufthansa announced that it will be increasing the number of weekly departures to Frankfurt at the start of Summer 2023, following the success of the service which started in May last year.
- Liverpool John Lennon Airport (LJLA) was recognised as a Gold Investor in People.
- The recent Recruitment Day was very successful with over 750 prospective employees attending, with an increase in diversity of age range of prospective hires, highlighting the mix of roles on offer for employment at the airport.
- LJLA received the Liverpool Chamber Award, the entry focused on excellent customer service.
- The Airport Transport Forum had met in January 2023.
- A summary was given on the recent charity work undertaken by airport staff.
- A summary of Press Releases was shared.

**Resolved – That the report be noted.**

73 **CUSTOMER SERVICES UPDATE**

Christina Smith talked through the analysis of contacts with Customer Services. December saw a recent addition of a website chat bot, that was to assist customers with frequently asked questions via the airport website. Via the touchpoints found throughout the airport, services were rated either great or good a majority of the time and there were no areas needing improvement. Comments from committee members reflected a need for dedicated cleaning around the car parking areas and better signage.

**Resolved – That the report be noted.**

74 **TOPICAL ITEM**

Dave Taggart addressed the Committee regarding the topic of Emergency Planning.

The frequency and reasoning for particular emergency plans were summarised and explained to the Committee, as well as an overview of the team and equipment they use.

75 **AIRSPACE CHANGE PROCESS**

Andrew Dutton gave an overview of the LJLA Airspace Change Proposal (ACP) and the overall Airspace Change Process since 2018. The ACP was going through a review; the previous work undertaken to assess to ensure it was still appropriate given the changes in the Airspace Change Masterplan and other maturing ACP's locally. Each authority involved in the airport will be asked to re-engage with the LJLA Airspace Change Proposal to capture their opinions.

In practice this meant the LJLA ACP that had been paused since November 2020 would restart its review at Stage 2 of CAP1616. The review of Stage 2 was to ensure the proposed changes were appropriate and check no further changes were required given the changes in the Airspace Change Masterplan and maturing neighbouring ACP's. Should no changes or limited changes be necessary LJLA would be seeking permission from the regulator to forgo or have a reduced formal public consultation for a second time.

The schedule for implementation if the LJLA Proposal was approved with others within the Manchester Terminal Manoeuvring Area as Winter 2026/27 or 2027/28.

76 **ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME**

The Chair presented the annual work programme, which included potential items which would be selected for meetings for relevance and availability.

**Resolved – That the annual work programme for 2023/2024 be noted.**

77 **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence to report.

78 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next scheduled meetings of the Consultative Committee (LJLACC) and Noise Monitoring Sub-Committee (NMSC) were as follows, on Fridays at 10.30 am:

<b>NMSC</b>	<b>LJLACC</b>
21 Apr 2023	26 May 2023
28 July 2023.	29 September 2023
20 October 2023	17 November 2023
19 January 2024	16 February 2024

79 **ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION WITH NOTICE**

There were no additional items for discussion notified to the Secretary.

80 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

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