

Minutes of Cross Party Group on Aviation

Date: Tuesday, 14 May 2013

Location: Committee Room 4, Scottish Parliament

MSP Attendees:

Colin Keir (CK) (Convener)
Richard Lyle (RL)
John Scott (JS) (Deputy Convener)
James Dornan (JD)
Elaine Murray (EM)
George Adam (GA)
Alex Johnstone (AJ)

Non-MSP Attendees:

Sarah Campbell (SC)	Aberdeen Airport
Andrew McConnell (AMc)	easyJet
Hugh Aitken (HA)	easyJet
Gordon Robertson (GR)	Edinburgh Airport
David Birrell (DB)	Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce
Malcolm Robertson	Adviser to GIP
Brian McClean (BMc)	Glasgow Airport
Adrian Brown (AB)	Scottish Enterprise
William Wilson (WW)	independent
Lorna Jack (LJ)	Edinburgh Airport (Secretary)
Roberta Bianchini (RB)	Office of Colin Keir MSP
Robert Munn (RM)	Office of Colin Keir MSP

Apologies:

Carol Benzie	Aberdeen Airport
Roddie MacPhee	Barrhead Travel
Carl Pheasey	British Airways
Tom Norris	British Airways
Gordon Dewar	Edinburgh Airport
Malcolm Spaven	Edinburgh Flying Club
Amanda McMillan	Glasgow Airport
Denise Hill	Visit Scotland
Ranald Robertson	Hitrans
Mark Stuart	Highlands & Islands Airports Ltd
Roger Hage	Loganair
Derick Murray	Nestrans
Iain Cochrane	Prestwick Airport
Garry Clark	Scottish Chamber of Commerce
Janice Hogarth	Scottish Passenger Agents Association
Nathan Stower	Virgin Atlantic
Chic Brodie	MSP

Description

Action

Election of office bearers	All re-elected for another term: Convener - Colin Keir MSP Deputy Convener – John Scott MSP Secretary – Lorna Jack
Public sector route development activities. Group discussed the briefing paper prepared by Scottish Enterprise on the route development work currently being undertaken by the public sector development agencies in Scotland.	Convener to send letter to Minister for Transport regarding route development fund proposal asking what form will it take and when will it be made public.
Air passenger duty review Group discussed next steps on pursuing engagement with the Treasury on APD. Group agreed it was time to take a more proactive approach as the group has written to the Treasury asking them to attend a cross party group meeting on APD and offered to send a delegation to London to discuss.	Convener to send press release along the lines that the Treasury has not engaged with the Scottish Parliament's Cross Party Group on Aviation despite their invitation to attend a meeting in Holyrood or for the CPG delegation to meet in London regarding the APD. Convener to send letter to the Davies Commission inviting them to attend a meeting of the CPG on Aviation and asking if the Commission intends to visit Scotland so that they can consult with the Scottish aviation industry
US preclearance Convener has written to the US Consulate inviting Consul to attend the CPG to discuss the possibility of US preclearance in Scottish airports. US Consulate would be happy to attend a meeting of the CPG to talk about preclearance	Convener to invite a representative from the US Consulate to attend a meeting of the CPG in the next parliamentary year.

Please see here below for the dates for the CPG on Aviation for the 2013/14 session. All bookings start at 18.00.

Tuesday 17th September 2013 Committee Room 1

Wednesday 27th November 2013 Committee Room 4

Wednesday 26th February 2014 Committee Room 4

Wednesday 7th May 2014 Committee Room 4

N.B. Minutes are subject to being agreed at the next CPG on Aviation meeting on 17th September 2013