

Minutes of the Cross-Party Group on Aviation

Date: 06th June 2018

Time: 6pm-8pm

Venue: Committee Room 6, Scottish Parliament.

MSPs attendees:

John Scott – Convenor

David Stewart – Co-Convenor

Stewart Stevenson – Co-Convenor

George Adam – Group member

Non MSP attendees:

David McColm – Global Trek Aviation

Gordon Bingham – Global Trek Aviation

James McColm

Adrian Brown – Scottish Enterprise

Phill Rawlins – Martyn Fiddler Aviation

Greg Maxwell – Edinburgh Airport

Hannah Boland – Glasgow Prestwick Airport

Brian MacLean – Glasgow Airport

Warrick Malcolm – ADS

Konrad Zadecki – ADS

Clive Lewis – Achieving the difference

Apologies:

Derick Murray – NESTRANS

John Davidson

Stephen D'Alfonso – Thomas Cook

Tim Alderslade – Airlines UK

Ian Clarke – NATS

Luke Law – NATS

Stuart Patrick – Glasgow Chamber of Commerce

Henk van Klaveren – AOA

Roddie MacPhee – Barrhead Travel

Agenda Item 1 - Welcome and background to the group

John Scott MSP welcomed Stuart Stevenson MSP and David Stewart MSP to the meeting and invited David Stewart MSP to convene the next meeting.

John Scott MSP welcomed special guest Clive Lewis Managing Partner at Achieving the Difference to the Scottish Parliament and introduced Warrick Malcolm and Konrad Zadecki from ADS who will provide secretariat to the group.

Following the introduction John Scott MSP gave a brief background to the group

The meeting was later joined by David Adam MSP

Agenda Item 2 - Approval of minutes from previous meeting and matters arising

Minutes from the previous meeting have been accepted with no matters arising

Agenda Item 3 - Roundtable introductions and key issues for industry members

The members of the group have introduced themselves and gave a brief description of current work.

Agenda Item 4 - Aerospace Manufacturing and MRO - global growth - Clive Lewis

Clive Lewis presented findings of the 2018 Global Aerospace Outlook report which identifies major opportunities for UK aerospace in international markets

During and after the presentation the questions and discussion concentrated around opportunities and constraints in Scottish aviation sector.

Main opportunities have been identified in market Scotland globally rather than regionally.

With Heathrow expansion Scotland should seek a way to become a hub port to stimulate economic growth.

Main constraints were identified around APD however the group has acknowledged that the issue is more complex and there are limitations on what could be than on this matter in the near future. The group also expressed concerns re: uncertainty around EASA. The group has agreed to address their concerns with letter to the Minister in London. John Scott MSP to send the letter on behalf of the group

Agenda Item 5 - Future Work Programme for the CPG

The Aviation Strategy has been identified as a standing agenda point for future meetings

Given the importance and recent developments it was also agreed to include space sector as the agenda item at the next meeting

Agenda Item 6 - Next meeting

The next meeting has been scheduled for the 24th October 2019, 6pm-8pm

The following meeting has been scheduled for 6th February 2019

John Scott MSP thanked Clive Lewis for the excellent presentation

The meeting ends