

Minutes of the Cross-Party Group on Aviation

Date: 24 October 2018

Time: 6pm-8pm

Venue: Committee Room 4

MSPs attendees:

John Scott – Convenor

Liam Kerr – Group Member

George Adam – Group Member

Bill Bowman – Group Member

Maurice Corry – Group Member

Non MSPs attendees:

Henk van Klaveren - Airport Operators Association

Stewart McKinley - University of Strathclyde

Janice Hogarth - Scottish Passenger Agents Association

Mark Stuart - Highlands and Islands Airports

Roddie MacPhee - Barrhead Travel

David Paterson - Flybe

Julie Cromarty - HITRANS

Ali Gayward - easyJet

Brian McLean - Glasgow Airport

Gordon Dewar - Edinburgh Airport

Andy McGurk

Nicholas Altham – ADS

Warrick Malcolm – ADS

Konrad Zadecki - ADS

Apologies:

Tim Cade – Airlines UK

David McColm – Global Trek Aviation

Gordon Bingham – Global Trek Aviation

Alan Campbell – International Airlines Group

Phill Rawlins – Martyn Fiddler Aviation

Derick Murray – Nestrans

Karen Wilson – Scottish Enterprise

Chris McLean – Scottish Enterprise

Agenda Item 1 – Welcome and apologies

John Scott MSP welcomed everyone to the meeting and accepted apologies.

Agenda Item 2 – AGM

Bill Bowman MSP proposed re-election of Group Officers

Seconded by Maurice Corry MSP

John Scott MSP proposed ADS as the secretariat to the group.

Seconded by Gordon Bingham – Edinburgh Airport

Agenda Item 3 – Approval of minutes from previous meeting and matters arising

Minutes from the previous meeting have been accepted with no matters arising. Minutes to be put on the website.

Agenda Item 4 – The UK Aviation Strategy

Henk van Kleveren from Airport Operators Association gave a presentation on UK's Aviation Strategy with key points for consideration:

- Good surface access for travel to and from airports reliably, easily and safely.
- A robust framework for growth, ensuring that the right incentives are in place and that aviation is not disadvantaged disproportionately.
- Airspace modernisation, to ensure more efficient use of the available airspace and a reduction in CO2 emissions.
- Reviewing passport control and border crossings at airports, so that reliable and effective systems are in place

This was followed by presentation from Nicholas Altham – ADS, concentrated around Aviation's Technology and Environment, outlining Scottish Aerospace with the context of the UK Government's Industrial Strategy and ADS goals:

- Ensuring the continued competitiveness of the UK aerospace industry through the continuation and development of industry support programmes
- Support for the Aerospace Growth Partnership (AGP), established in 2010 as a strategic partnership between industry, academia and government, representing a shared long-term commitment to maintain and grow the UK's position as a world-leading aerospace industry.
- Ensuring the continued competitiveness of the UK aerospace industry through the continuation and development of industry support programmes, including Supply Chains for the 21st Century (SC21), Sharing in Growth (SiG), the National Aerospace Exploitation Programme (NATEP), and promoting the Supply Chain Competitiveness Charter to strength relationships between leading civil aerospace companies and their suppliers.
- Working towards the development of an Aerospace Sector Deal, including further funding for the Aerospace Technology Institute (ATI) past 2026,
- Bringing together the aims of the Department for Transport (DfT)'s future Aviation Strategy and the goals of the Industrial Strategy, in order to coordinate future activity and deliver on the economic growth and policy objectives of both.

- Committing to building a more balanced and fair industry for women by launching the Women in Aviation and Aerospace Charter

Discussion and questions to speakers

Maurice Corry MSP has asked about the electric plane manufacturing timescales

Nicholas Altham stated that we are the stage of urban taxi rather than passenger jet engine and for this to then develop into regional aircraft engine. A lot of capabilities is already here however this will require new regulations

Henk van Klaveren also gave information on the Disruptive Passengers subject as raised by Roddie MacPhee – Barrhead Travel

ACTION:

The Group has agreed to write to Scottish Government to get a clarification on Scottish engagement in the UK Department for Transport's plans for a UK Aviation Strategy and the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy's Aviation Industrial Strategy.

Agenda Item 5 – Next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 6th February 2019, 6pm-8pm

John Scott MSP has thanked Henk van Klaveren and Nicholas Altham for the presentations.

John Scott has also thanked to ADS for secretarial support and special thank you to Gillian Gilles Assistant to John Scott MSP

The meeting ends