

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY GROUP

Date:- Wednesday 9 March 2022 **Venue:- Microsoft Teams Meeting**
Time:- 10.00 a.m.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 15th December, 2021 (Pages 3 - 7)
3. Matters arising from the previous minutes (not covered by the agenda items)
4. Questions on Transport Issues submitted by Members (Page 9)
5. South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority Transport - Update
6. Bus Operators - Update
 - (1) First Group
 - (2) Stagecoach
 - (3) Rotherham Community Transport
7. Railway Operators - Update

Presentation by Pete Myers, Stakeholder Manager, Northern Railway.
8. Doncaster Sheffield Airport - Update (Pages 11 - 22)

Minutes of the Doncaster Sheffield Airport Consultative Committee AGM and Ordinary meeting held on 27th January, 2022.
9. RMBC Transportation Unit - Updates
 1. Current Government Position.
 2. Public Transport.
 3. Roads.
 4. Active Travel .

5. Clean Air Zone Programme.
6. Members' Questions

10. Any other business

11. Date and time of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Transportation Advisory Group will take place on Thursday, 26th May, 2022 at 10.00 a.m. via Microsoft Teams.

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**Sharon Kemp,
Chief Executive.**

**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY GROUP
Wednesday 15 December 2021**

Present: - Councillor Sheppard(in the Chair); Councillors Bacon, Bird, Browne, Castledine-Dack, Cooksey, Griffin, Havard, Hoddinott, McNeely, T. Collingham and Parish Councillor D Fenwick-Green.

Apologies for absence: - Apologies were received from Councillors Aveyard and Beck.

17. CHAIR FOR THE MEETING

In the absence of the Chair who had submitted his apologies it was agreed that Councillor Sheppard would chair the meeting.

18. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

Consideration was given to the minutes of the previous meeting of the Transportation Advisory Group that had been held on 30 September 2021.

Agreed: - That the minutes of the meeting held on 30 September 2021 be approved as a true record.

19. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES (NOT COVERED BY THE AGENDA ITEMS)

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 30 September 2021.

20. RMBC TRANSPORTATION UNIT - UPDATES

Andrew Moss, Interim Head of Transport Infrastructure, attended the meeting to provide a progress report and to make a presentation. It was noted that the presentation provided an update on the areas that had been discussed at the previous meeting of the group.

The presentation provided information on:

- **the Current government position.**
- **Public Transport**, including:
 - Integrated Rail Plan (IRP) TfN/NPR
 - Budget and Spending Review
 - Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP)
 - Bus Recovery
 - Enhanced Partnership (EP)

- Funding update
- **Roads**, including:
 - **Roads management** -Traffic Management Act, Pavement Parking and Key Route Networks
 - **Funding** - City Regions Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS)
 - **Road schemes** - the Parkway Widening and Greasbrough Coach Road
- **Active Travel**, including
 - **TCF** - Sheffield Road, Maltby Bus Corridor, Doncaster Road and Manvers Way
 - **ATF** - Broom Road Active Travel Scheme and the tranche three bid.
- **Clean Air Zone programme**, including:
 - That the submission of the full business case was expected to be made in February 2022.
 - Liaison activity with government.
 - The good levels of support shown for the three proposed Rotherham schemes.

Members requested that in future presentations that acronyms should not be used as their use made following the presentation and understanding the information difficult.

Members discussed issues raised in the presentation and related to the work of the RMBC Transportation Unit including:

- The blind corner on the Greasborough Coach Road and whether mitigating measures would be included as part of other works being carried out in the area.
- What technological solutions were available to support improvements to road safety in areas where there were road safety concerns.
- The latest position around funding streams.

Councillor Sheppard thanked Andrew Moss for attending the meeting and providing the update.

Agreed: - That the update be noted.

21. QUESTIONS ON TRANSPORT ISSUES

The Transportation Advisory Group noted the questions and answers on transport matters that had been submitted in advance of meeting that had been included in the agenda pack.

**22. SOUTH YORKSHIRE MAYORAL COMBINED AUTHORITY
TRANSPORT UNIT - UPDATE**

Nathan Broadhead of the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority (SYMCA) attended the meeting to provide an update on transportation issues across Rotherham and the wider South Yorkshire area.

Nathan Broadhead reminded members that in addition to submitting questions on transport matters in advance of meetings of the Transportation Advisory Group members could email questions on transport matters to communications@sypte.co.uk where enquiries would receive a prompt response.

In the update information was provided on:

- How staff shortages were still presenting a major issue in relation to the reliable operation of bus services and in timetable planning.
- How the SYMCA had been working with transportation providers in order to support them to mitigate the impact of staff shortages. It was noted however that despite this work that some problems still remained with regard to the reliable operation of services.
- How passenger numbers, compared to pre-pandemic levels varied across the South Yorkshire area with higher numbers of passengers using services in Rotherham, Doncaster and Barnsley than was being seen in Sheffield.
- How strike action continued to impact of the operation of Stagecoach services. It was noted that Community Transport Services were able to assist residents who were being negatively impacted by strike action.

Nathan Broadhead advised that he had raised the issue of representatives of the rail operators not attending Transportation Advisory Group meetings with the rail operators. Nathan Heath advised that a full update on rail services would be provided at the next meeting of the group and invited members to contact him to advise with suggestions on the information that they would like to see included in the update.

Members asked whether there were any plans to show bus occupancy numbers on digital displays. Nathan Heath confirmed that this was an area that was being looked into.

Members asked for further information on the price rises for the Community Transport door-to-door service that had been raised as a concern by residents which meant that some journeys were costing nearly the same as by a private hire vehicle. Nathan Heath advised that there had been no increase in the charges for the service but noted that there were other providers of similar services who may have increased their prices. Nathan Heath noted that the Community Transport door-to-door service was charged at a rate of £2.50 per journey plus a rate per mile travelled, and as such the majority of journeys would be cheaper than by a private hire vehicle.

Agreed: -

1. That the update be noted.
2. That an update on rail services be provided at the next meeting of the Transportation Advisory Group and that members advise Nathan Broadhead of any areas that they would particularly like to receive information on.

23. BUS OPERATORS - UPDATE

First Group

Paul Hopkinson provided an update on First Group services including:

- The challenges being faced regarding improving service reliability due to the shortage of drivers and other factors.
- The impact on the provision of services due to the shortage of drivers, however the situation regarding driver shortages in Doncaster had improved.
- How there would be no further timetable changes in Rotherham until April 2022.
- How passenger numbers, including the number of pensioners, using services had increased.

Stagecoach

John Young provided an update on Stagecoach services including:

- The impact of strike action on the provision of services.
- The challenges being faced regarding improving service reliability due to the shortage of drivers and other factors.
- How timetables had been amended to reflect driver shortages and to ensure greater reliability of services.

- That prior to the strike action that passenger levels were at 67% of pre-pandemic levels.
- The changes to services serving the Rawmarsh Hill area and the impact of the changes on passengers. It was noted that discussions were continuing with RMBC on the matter.
- The work that had been carried out and was continuing with the SYMCA regarding bus improvement plans.

24. RAILWAY OPERATORS - UPDATE

There were no representatives of the rail operators present at the meeting.

25. DONCASTER SHEFFIELD AIRPORT - UPDATE

Agreed: - That the Minutes of the meetings of the Doncaster Sheffield Airport Consultative Committee included in the agenda pack be noted.

26. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no further business for consideration.

27. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

Agreed: - That the next meeting of the Transportation Advisory Group be held on Wednesday 9 March 2022 at 10am as a Microsoft Teams meeting.

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Questions to Transport Advisory Board – 9th March, 2022**Question 1 - Councillor Atkin**

What is the policy on redundant bus shelters, that is ones that remain when no buses are using them. There are several in my ward and they have all been vandalised.

Response

Bus stops not served (and especially shelters) are not regularly removed as there is little to no funding to do so. Funding is provided by the local authorities through the levy with priority for shelter funding going to replacing old shelters that are used and to provide new ones. Repair and removal of vandalism/graffiti is managed separately and if damaged or graffitied shelters are reported these will be reviewed and appropriate action taken.

Some shelters may also be served again and it would be prohibitively expensive to replace the shelter if it has already been removed. As and when funding is made available redundant stops are removed following assessment by our infrastructure team. A targeted replacement programmed for shelters has been planned for 2022/23 using Gainshare funding from the Mayor. This will replace the oldest shelters but is not planned to fund removal of unserved shelters.

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Consultative Committee

DONCASTER SHEFFIELD AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

27 JANUARY 2022 – VIRTUAL MEETING

PRESENT: Alan Tolhurst OBE (Chair)
 N Biddle (Peel Land and Property), A Bosmans (FODSA), Councillor S Cox (Doncaster MBC), G Finch (Peel Land and Property & Doncaster Sheffield Airport), Councillor R Franklin (Barnsley MBC), C Hall (Doncaster MBC), Councillor B Johnson (Doncaster MBC), Councillor G Jones (Doncaster MBC), P Kennan (South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority LEP Private Sector Board Member), Councillor D Lelliott (Rotherham MBC), Councillor J Milne (West Lindsey District Council), County Councillor C Pearson (North Yorkshire County Council), Councillor C Rosling-Josephs (Sheffield City Council) and A Shirt (Committee Secretary, Barnsley MBC)

Noise Monitoring & Environmental Sub-Committee representatives:-
 Town Councillor A Cropley (Bawtry Town Council) and
 Parish Councillor N McCarron (Blaxton Parish Council)

Apologies were received from: Councillor J Blackham (Doncaster MBC), Councillor M Greenhalgh (Doncaster MBC), K Moran (Doncaster Sheffield Airport), Councillor D Pidwell (Bassetlaw District Council), M Di Salvatore (West Lindsey District Council) and K Stow (Doncaster Sheffield Airport)

1 WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chair welcomed Members to the sixteenth Annual General Meeting of Doncaster Sheffield Airport Consultative Committee.

Apologies for absence were noted as above.

2 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 28 JANUARY 2021

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 28 January 2021 be agreed as a correct record.

3 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the Annual General Meeting held on 28 January 2021.

4 CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

The Chair introduced his Annual Report, saying what a year 2021 was, for a variety of reasons.

Last January, after a desperate year for travel, we commented that things surely wouldn't be as bad again. But a year on and we are in a similar position.

As one journalist put it "2021 was a formless blob of time".

The year started with a ban on foreign trips: in the summer we saw a brief reprieve: and the year ended in chaos with travellers enduring pointless, lengthy and expensive quarantine.

And, of course, a bad situation has been compounded as flights were cancelled because staff are testing positive for Covid 19.

Globally, airlines cancelled more than 6000 flights between Christmas Eve and Boxing Day, which is normally the busiest time of the year.

Flights in and out of the UK slumped by 71 % in year. Short haul flights were the most popular, particularly those to mainland Europe, while long- haul routes to the US increased a little as borders were reopened in November.

Although it's not fashionable, the Chair said that he had some sympathy for the government as they faced a novel situation and, for want of other options, felt obliged to impose travel restrictions: only shortly thereafter to remove them in the face of public outcry. They were damned if they did act and damned if they didn't.

A recurrent theme in annual reports has been the ongoing debate about Air Passenger Duty (APD): whether to continue with, or abandon the tax, or to have a variable charge depending on the flight sector length.

The charge cannot be avoided and is easy to collect as the work is done by the airlines. Despite regular pleas by airline leaders to scrap the tax, if only for a short period, the government has said that APD for long haul flights will increase this year in line with inflation. The debate continues but some are now saying that it's time to move on and accept that the government will not abolish the tax.

One other major issue to concentrate minds last year was the COP 26 Conference. Climate change is in the limelight as never before and the Glasgow Declaration on Aviation, signed by 23 nations, marked an important stepping stone towards achieving the 2050 net zero commitment.

The Declaration, together with the Airport Operators Association Report on Decarbonisation, was discussed by the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee at its meeting in December.

The Committee heard that DSA, as a newer airport was accredited to ISO 14001 standards, and was further along the net zero path than other airports.

Indeed, while most are committed to achieve net-zero by 2050, DSA has undertaken to reach the target by 2030.

2021 saw the Committee achieve two milestones: a quarterly newsletter was produced for distribution in local free newspapers. The articles provide a valuable

opportunity to increase visibility of the ACC and its work, and is said to have been well received by local residents.

The Committee also assisted Peel in allocating £10,000 to local organisations for projects in support of communities. Strict eligibility criteria was applied to the proposed schemes and of the twelve projects submitted for support, seven were selected.

Finally, following the disbandment of the Independent Commission on Civil Aviation Noise, the DfT is reviewing the criteria for ACCs: the original 2004 guidelines were updated in 2014 and the Committee's local Constitution is based upon them. The DfT is consulting again on the future of ACCs and the relevant documents are on the next agenda.

Concluding his Annual Report, the Chair said that, working from home, whether full or part-time, had become the norm for many, supported by Zoom and Teams meetings. He was sure that, like himself, Members' didn't imagine all the meetings last year would be virtual.

While the Chair had become comfortable with the virtual meeting process, he was certainly looking forward to getting back to holding discussions at DSA.

Looking ahead things are getting more positive as we learn to live with Covid and there is a welcome upbeat in news about tourism and travel generally.

RESOLVED – That the Chairman's Annual Report be noted.

5 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

A report of the Committee Secretary was presented setting out the current membership of the Airport Consultative Committee and the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee.

RESOLVED – That the Committee notes the current membership of the Airport Consultative Committee and Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee.

6 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2022

RESOLVED – That the following schedule of meetings be agreed:-

Airport Consultative Committee

Thursday 27 January 2022 (AGM and Ordinary)

Thursday 7 April 2022

Thursday 14 July 2022

Thursday 6 October 2022

Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee

Thursday 24 March 2022

Thursday 23 June 2022

Thursday 22 September 2022

Thursday 1 December 2022

All meetings will commence at 10:00 am and Members notified of the meeting arrangements in advance of the meeting.

CHAIR



Consultative Committee

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ORDINARY MEETING

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1 **WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

A Tolhurst welcomed everyone to the Ordinary meeting of the Airport Consultative Committee (ACC).

Apologies for absence were noted as above.

2 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

3 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14 OCTOBER 2021 AND ACTIONS UPDATE**

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Airport Consultative Committee held on 14 October 2021 be agreed as a correct record of the meeting.

4 **MATTERS ARISING**

i) **ACC Newsletter**

A Tolhurst reported that positive feedback had been received from Members of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee in relation to the recent publication of the ACC's Newsletter.

ii) Defibrillators in the Community

The Committee noted that the above action was currently on-going. A Tolhurst said that he would follow this up with K Stow. **ACTION: A Tolhurst**

iii) Potential Training Flights at Night

The Committee noted that the above action was currently outstanding. It was agreed that the action be retained on the action log for discussion at the April ACC meeting.

iv) Request for Feedback from the ACC

A Tolhurst reported that it had been highlighted at the UKACCs Annual General Meeting that some ACCs were becoming too close to their respective airports. A Tolhurst sought reassurance that the ACC had not become too close to the DSA management.

Members considered that the ACC was detached and independent from DSA management with the correct level of governance and provided a valuable opportunity to communicate with local residents.

5 DFT INFORMATION GATHERING EXERCISE FOR AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES

The Committee noted that the Department for Transport (DfT) had launched an online information gathering exercise for ACCs on 10 January 2022.

The DfT was inviting views on the challenges faced by ACCs and other organisations established to perform a consultation process on the operations for UK airports and aerodromes through the information gathering exercise.

A sample copy of the online survey had been circulated with the agenda papers for Members' information.

A Tolhurst asked the Committee to review the survey and provide any feedback to the Committee Secretary as soon as possible.

In addition, arrangements were currently being made for a small group of Members to meet remotely with the Chair and Committee Secretary to consider the ACC's responses to questions contained within the survey.

RESOLVED – That the Committee noted the contents of the DfT's information gathering exercise for ACCs launched on 10 January 2022.

6 AIRPORT BUSINESS UPDATE

In the absence of the Director of Aviation Development and Corporate Affairs, G Finch said that he was limited on the information which he could provide.

He reported that, despite Brexit and the Coronavirus pandemic, DSA had managed to contract with its incumbent based aircraft operators. TUI had increased operations and Wizz Air had established and opened a new base at DSA.

It was noted that there was current 1.8 – 2 million seats on sale from DSA, which was a substantial level of growth at the airport for 2022/23.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

7 UPDATE ON THE GATEWAYEAST RAIL SCHEME

G Finch provided the Committee with a confidential briefing on the outcome of a first stage options review for the GatewayEast rail scheme.

The options review had been commissioned by South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority, DSA, Peel Ltd and Doncaster MBC.

The Committee asked if details of today's briefing and indicative map of the scheme could be shared with Committee Members and to the wider public in the ACC's Newsletter.

In response, G Finch said that he would need to discuss with colleagues and partners to determine if any information discussed at today's meeting could be made available to Committee Members. **ACTION: G Finch.**

P Kennan added that he would discuss the Committee's request further with the Mayoral Combined Authority's Executive Team. **ACTION: P Kennan.**

In response to a question from Councillor Cox, G Finch said that any element of compulsory land purchase for the scheme would be a very last resort; consultation would need to take place with land owners. He agreed to keep Members informed.

A Tolhurst reported that he would ascertain with K Stow if there were any plans in place to resurrect the Air Transport Forum, which previously discussed airport surface access issues. **ACTION: A Tolhurst.**

RESOLVED – That the Committee noted the update provided.

8 UPDATE ON THE SOLAR SCHEME FOR DSA

G Finch reported that a review was currently on-going in relation to the size of solar scheme at DSA and the extent to which it could possibly be expanded to create surplus energy generation which could be utilised elsewhere.

A Bosmans commented that, he was disappointed to note that there were no representatives from DSA present at today's meeting. He felt that the ACC's importance was being minimalised by DSA's management team.

A Tolhurst acknowledged A Bosmans' concerns and agreed to discuss further with K Stow after today's meeting. **ACTION: A Tolhurst.**

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

9 PEEL LAND & PROPERTY UPDATE - DEVELOPMENT

N Biddle provided the Committee with a verbal update on Peel Land and Property development issues.

The following updates were noted:-

- The delivery of infrastructure works to support the employment scheme at the Innovation Quarter (IQ) was currently progressing. Broad agreement had been sought with a funding partner with heads of terms currently being drawn up.
- Five contractors had now been selected and would be invited to submit a tender for the completion of infrastructure delivery works at the IQ site on High Common Lane. Tenders were anticipated to be sent out during March, with a target for infrastructure works to commence onsite during September/October 2022.
- A deal with a developer for an employment scheme close to the southern end of First Avenue was close to completion.
- Two further employment schemes with third party developers were currently being progressed via planning.
- A small residential scheme at the corner of Hayfield Lane / First Avenue was also currently being progressed via planning.

It was anticipated that construction work would commence towards the latter end of 2022.

RESOLVED – That the Committee noted the updates provided.

10 PEEL LAND & PROPERTY UPDATE - PLANNING

G Finch provided the Committee with a verbal update in relation to Peel Land and Property planning issues.

The following updates were noted:-

- The GatewayEast Central Plaza planning application had been unanimously supported by Doncaster MBC's Planning Committee in October 2021.

Work was currently taking place around the Section 106 agreement on this scheme, prior to formal consent being issued.

- Work was currently taking place with Peel Land and Property's house building division 'Northstone' in relation to a planning application for the first phase of a residential development at Hurst Wood. It was anticipated that the planning application would be submitted to Doncaster MBC during April 2022.
- Following the adoption of the Doncaster MBC Local Plan, work was taking place around the Airport Policy Area (which included GatewayEast and the airport area).
- Peel Land and Property were required to prepare a Masterplan exercise document, a Green Infrastructure Strategy, a Sustainable Transport Strategy and a Sustainability Strategy. A Design Code to govern and guide the design approach to the residential allocation was also required.

Development of the documents was now at an advanced stage and would be made available for public consultation during early Spring.

During the public consultation period, an online presentation would be given to Auckley Parish Council to provide an overview of the documents and outline of the first phase of the residential application.

It was confirmed that a Public Consultation Strategy would be developed which provided the local community with access to all the documents to allow them to provide any comments or questions.

Referring to the Community Issues Matrix, Members' were provided with the following updates:-

Flooding First Avenue

It was reported that a design solution had been presented to Doncaster MBC drainage officers. Doncaster MBC officers had asked Peel to consider one alternative, which was now being considered.

Once the design solution was agreed, an implementation programme would be developed.

Flooding on Pembridge Park Estate

It was reported that Peel Land and Property's appointed consultants had determined and confirmed with Doncaster MBC officers that the surface water and SUDS design for the Pembridge Park estate was based on modelling which did not assume any culverting beneath the footbridge.

It had been agreed and discussed with officers that the existing footbridge and culvert pipes should be removed and replaced with a straightforward footbridge which allows the ditch system to flow freely.

The design was now being discussed with contractors. Details would be submitted to Doncaster MBC officers with an application for 'Ordinary Watercourse Consent'.

The programme for resolution would be confirmed once the application had been approved.

Children's Play Facility

The Committee noted that the final arrangements for the transfer of the play facility and sports pitch to Auckley Parish Council were being made in readiness for the transfer.

There had been some delays with the legal documentation which was now progressing.

Peel had instructed contractors to clear damage and debris at the site.

Traffic Speeds Airport Estate Roads

Specialist Highways consultants had now been engaged in an exercise to review site wide speed limits and measures to slow the traffic down at key locations.

Traffic Management (ANPR / 15 Minutes Free Parking)

It was reported that work was currently ongoing with Doncaster MBC and specialist Highways consultants before a resolution could be reached.

A Tolhurst reported that email correspondence had been received from a local Pembridge Park estate resident setting out concerns regarding people parking on the estate and nearby residential streets when waiting to collect passengers from the airport.

The resident asked if DSA could consider increasing the time they allow for airport collections, up to thirty minutes or maybe even an hour. The resident also asked if DSA could consider adding text to their website and in local media discouraging people from parking on residential streets nearby.

G Finch acknowledged the concerns raised and agreed to discuss with the Airport's Operations Team. **ACTION: G Finch**

Councillor Cox noted that it was not in DSA's jurisdiction for the ANPR patrol vehicle to monitor car parking on the Pembridge Park Estate. However, he felt that, as a gesture of goodwill, DSA could consider extending the ANPR patrol vehicle to monitor the estate roads.

Councillor Cox wished to place his thanks on record for the progress which had been made to date in progressing the issues outlined on the matrix.

RESOLVED – That the Committee noted the updates provided.

11 CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY (CAA) CONSULTATION ON A DRAFT OF THE AIRSPACE MODERNISATION STRATEGY 2022–2040 (FOR INFORMATION)

A Tolhurst informed the Committee that the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) had launched a 12-week consultation on a refreshed Airspace Modernisation Strategy (AMS) which will:

- Extend the strategy out to 2040.
- Place integration of all airspace users at the core of the strategy, including accommodating new aerial vehicles like drones, advanced air mobility and spacecraft.
- Aim for simpler airspace design and supporting regulations.
- Introduce sustainability as an overarching principle to be applied through all modernisation activities, including better managing noise and helping achieve government commitments to net zero emissions.
- Align delivery of the strategy with the ICAO Global Air Navigation Plan and provide a clear strategic path for rulemaking activities, now that the UK has left the EU and the European Aviation Safety Agency.

A Tolhurst said that he would make arrangements for SATCO to provide the Committee with a briefing on the AMS at a future meeting.

ACCs were being encouraged to respond to the consultation direct, which would close on 4 April 2022.

RESOLVED – That the Committee notes the launch of the CAA’s consultation on a refreshed Airspace Modernisation Strategy (AMS).

12 DRAFT MINUTES OF THE NOISE MONITORING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUB-COMMITTEE HELD ON 9 DECEMBER 2021

RESOLVED – That the draft minutes of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee held on 9 December 2021 be noted.

13 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

On behalf of the Committee, Councillor Lelliott offered to obtain a briefing from the Mayoral Combined Authority on the GatewayEast rail scheme.

Following discussion, it was agreed that P Kennan would obtain clarification from the Mayoral Combined Authority to ascertain what information could be released to the Committee.

In response to a query from Parish Councillor McCarron, G Finch provided assurances that there was a large amount of work taking place to agree a solution to mitigate flooding on First Avenue.

14 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING - THURSDAY 7 APRIL 2022 AT 10:00 AM

RESOLVED – That the next meeting of the Airport Consultative Committee be held on Thursday 7 April 2022 at 10:00 am.

CHAIR