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SASIG 2011/12 Meeting Date

The forthcoming SASIG meeting in 2011/12 will be on:

Friday 24 February 2012

Meetings are held between 11am and 1pm, at Local Government House, Smith Square, SW1P 3HZ, with lunch provided afterwards; a location map is at

<http://www.lga.gov.uk/lga/core/page.do?pagelId=27909>.
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Regional News

New extension to Gatwick North Terminal unveiled

18 November, 2011

Former Prime Minister, Sir John Major, has officially opened Gatwick's new £73 million North Terminal extension. Speaking at the event, he said the investment being made would help Britain "extend its reach far round the world and far into the future".

The upgrade has seen the terminal building extended by 1.25 hectares, with 18 more check-in desks being installed, including self-service kiosks and new baggage reclaim facilities.

It forms part of a wider £475 million investment in the whole of the North Terminal to help support an increase in passengers each year, from 16 million currently to a targeted 20 million by 2020.

New features include a multi-storey car park providing 1,177 short-stay parking spaces, improvement to the inter-terminal monorail, a new interchange facility at the North Terminal and improvements to the security area.

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<http://www.abtn.co.uk/news/1816614-new-extension-gatwick-north-terminal-unveiled>
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Industry News

British airlines join forces against Air Passenger Duty (APD)

17 November 2011

Four British airline chiefs have joined forces to launch a united campaign against Air Passenger Duty (APD). The CEOs of Easyjet, British Airways' parent IAG, Ryanair and Virgin Atlantic signed a joint letter to Chancellor George Osborne on 17 November 2011 calling for APD to be scrapped.

The challenge to the Tory-Lib Dem Government comes ahead of the Chancellor's autumn review, in which he is expected to announce a rise in APD from next year. Currently, passengers pay between £12 and £170 on each flight departing the UK, depending on the class and distance of travel.

Willie Walsh, IAG's CEO, said it was the first time the four airline operators, who he admitted are "bitter rivals", have got together to campaign on an issue. The four airline bosses also challenged the Government to commission an independent report on the long-term effects of APD on the UK economy.

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<http://www.abtn.co.uk/news/1716604-british-airlines-join-forces-against-apd>

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UK researchers unveil silent aircraft concept

17 Nov 2011

Reducing noise from a Boeing 767-sized aircraft to levels so low that take-offs and approaches would not be audible beyond an airport's perimeter is possible with a blended wing body airframe powered by three-fan fully ducted engines, British researchers have concluded.

<http://www.flightglobal.com/news/articles/uk-researchers-unveil-silent-aircraft-concept-364961/>

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IATA calls for Government and aviation to cooperate on biofuels

17 November, 2011

The International Air Transport association (IATA) has stated a need for stakeholders in aviation, including Governments, airline operators and aircraft manufacturers, to work more closely together to develop biofuels. Tony Tyler, the organisation's CEO, said biofuels represent the future of aviation, with the reported potential to cut aviation's carbon footprint by up to 80% over the lifecycle of the fuel.

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<http://www.abtn.co.uk/news/1716606-government-and-aviation-must-cooperate-biofuels-%E2%80%93-iata>

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Traffic Statistics

Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) traffic statistics (September 2011)

The Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) provides monthly UK aviation statistics. The total terminal and transit passenger figures for September 2011 compared with September 2010 are summarised below:

- for all reporting UK airports in September 2011 - **21,912,054** compared with **21,747,139** in September 2010, an increase of 0.76%;
- for all reporting regional airports in September 2011 - **8,215,137** compared with **8,198,235** in September 2010, an increase of 0.21%; and
- for all reporting London airports in September 2011 - **13,696,917** compared with **13,548,904** in September 2010, an increase of 1.09%

The total air transport movement figures for September 2010 compared with September 2010 are also summarised below:

- for all reporting UK airports in September 2011 - **170,767** compared with **171,850** in September 2010, a decrease of 0.63%;
- for all reporting regional airports in September 2011 - **78,474** compared with **79,808** in September 2010, a decrease of 1.67%; and
- for all reporting London airports in September 2011 – **92,293** compared with **92,042** in September 2010, an increase of 0.27%.

A selection of the CAA figures for passengers (terminal and transit; PAX) and air transport movements (ATMs) for September 2011 are given in the following table for the larger English airports, showing the percentage change from a year earlier.

Reporting Airport Name	Total ATMs Sept 2011	Total ATMs Sept 2010	ATM % change	Total PAX Sept 2011	Total PAX Sept 2010	PAX % change
Gatwick	22,903	22,413	2.19%	3,364,103	3,209,735	4.81%
Heathrow	40,580	40,072	1.27%	6,314,750	6,232,877	1.31%
London City	6,132	6,253	-1.94%	280,190	262,634	6.68%
Luton	7,148	6,801	5.10%	937,206	868,667	7.89%
Stansted	12,706	13,263	-4.20%	1,705,087	1,776,335	-4.01%
London total	89,469	88,802	0.75%	12,601,336	12,350,248	2.03%
Birmingham	8,068	8,314	-2.96%	904,127	917,858	-1.50%
Blackpool	922	1,107	-16.71%	30,409	32,288	-5.82%
Bournemouth	638	816	-21.81%	76,597	93,932	-18.45%
Bristol	5,186	5,278	-1.74%	619,276	610,492	1.44%
Cardiff	1,630	1,727	-5.62%	144,875	162,629	-10.92%
Coventry	28	-	-	-	-	0.00%
Doncaster Sheffield	731	848	-13.80%	101,990	106,892	-4.59%
Durham Tees Valley	513	658	-22.04%	15,325	26,093	-41.27%
East Midlands	5,656	5,348	5.76%	484,524	454,095	6.70%
Edinburgh	9,953	9,902	0.52%	900,043	873,303	3.06%
Exeter	1,247	1,334	-6.52%	82,443	87,944	-6.26%
Glasgow	6,518	6,767	-3.68%	698,408	677,870	3.03%
Humberside	1,183	1,320	-10.38%	28,126	34,829	-19.25%
Leeds Bradford	3,230	3,503	-7.79%	331,890	318,412	4.23%
Liverpool (John Lennon)	4,288	4,028	6.45%	512,225	488,409	4.88%
Manchester	15,320	14,642	4.63%	2,045,398	1,920,747	6.49%
Newcastle	4,373	4,750	-7.94%	481,473	492,626	-2.26%
Newquay	643	1,118	-42.49%	20,886	34,882	-40.12%
Norwich	1,881	1,888	-0.37%	46,859	48,467	-3.32%
Southampton	3,789	3,928	-3.54%	175,751	174,653	0.63%
Southend	173	111	55.86%	4,738	515	820.00%
Regional total	75,970	77,387	-1.83%	7,705,363	7,556,936	1.96%
TOTAL	165,439	166,189	-0.45%	20,306,699	19,907,184	2.01%

CAA statistics for September 2011; published November 2011.

<http://www.caa.co.uk/default.aspx?catid=80&pagetype=88&pageid=3&sqlid=3#Data>
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