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<p>30 April 2012 - EasyJet call for second runway at Stansted EasyJet chief executive Carolyn McCall has urged the Government to think again on aviation expansion in the South East.</p> <p>30 April 2012 - Birmingham Airport to commence flights to China Birmingham Airport has announced plans for new services to China once a runway extension is completed at the airport. The extension is scheduled for completion in 2014.</p> <p>1 May 2012 - Airlines ready to pay landing fees to end Heathrow delays Airlines using Heathrow airport would be prepared to pay higher landing fees to reduce long queues, according to the chief executive of International Airports Group.</p> <p>2 May 2012 - EasyJet claims Luton Airport's image deters fliers EasyJet has claimed that Luton airport is being held back by its reputation and airport managers need to address its poor reputation before it can reach targets of 18 million passengers by 2020.</p> <p>2 May 2012 - Gatwick Airport aims to rival Heathrow with Air China deal Gatwick Airport has announced a deal with Air China over direct flights to Beijing. Air China will operate four direct flights a week between Gatwick and Beijing.</p> <p>2 May 2012 - Former Newcastle Airport boss John Parkin accused of misleading airport committee to 'pocket millions' John Parkin was suspended as chief executive after it emerged a £6m bonus was paid to him for organising a mortgage for the airport worth more than £325m in 2006.</p> <p>Mr Parkin, now chief executive of Leeds Bradford Airport, has given evidence during a legal battle between Newcastle Airport and Eversheds, the law firm that advised the deal.</p>	<p>28 Apr 2012 - Fuel-efficient Boeing 787 Dreamliners to drive British Airway's growth in Asia Chief executive of International Airlines Group Willie Walsh claims the new Dreamliner, will boost British trade with emerging economies. 25 percent of the Boeing 787 aircraft is built in the UK, boosting British manufacturing.</p> <p>2 May 2012 - Flybe makes move on BMI Baby territory Flybe is expanding its services from East Midlands airport. International Airlines Group (IAG) is trying to find a buyer for BMI Baby but IAG chief executive Willie Walsh is "not confident" of securing a deal. The closure of BMI Baby could result in 470 job losses.</p> <p>3 May 2012 - British Airways to restart flights to South Korea British Airways is using slots acquired from its purchase of BMI to commence six times weekly flights from Heathrow to Seoul after a gap of 14 years.</p> <p>3 May 2012 - BMI Baby to be grounded by International Airlines Group BMI Baby, the budget airline, will be grounded from September, with some routes being stopped from next month, owner IAG has announced.</p>
SASIG 2012/13 Meeting Dates	Press Releases
<p>Thursday 14 June 2012 The Aviation Minister, Theresa Villiers, shall be attending. Friday 9 November 2012 and Friday 1 March 2013.</p> <p>Meetings are held between 11am and 1pm, at Local Government House, Smith Square, SW1P 3HZ, with lunch provided afterwards; location map</p>	<p>30 April 2012 - Stop Stansted Expansion – Slowdown in cheap flights gives boost to the British economy New figures published by the Office of National Statistics show that the British are taking almost 20 per cent fewer overseas holidays compared to three years ago, whilst the number of foreign tourists visiting the UK is virtually unchanged.</p>
	Consultations
	<p>26 May 2012 - Proposal to Revise the Public Safety Zones at Stansted Airport The Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) is updating the existing Public Safety Zones (PSZs) at Stansted Airport, to reflect air traffic forecasts 15 years ahead.</p>
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	<p>The SASIG office would like to welcome Mr Milan Thapa who has joined SASIG as an intern on a full-time basis until mid-June.</p>