

Item 8: New DfT Aviation Forecasts - 2017

Introduction

On 24th October 2017, the DfT published its 2017 forecast of UK air passenger demand and aviation carbon dioxide emissions to 2050. (Members were informed via the Secretariat).

Details of this publication can be seen at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-aviation-forecasts-2017>

The document, which updates the Department for Transport's [2013 UK aviation forecasts](#), sets out the updates and developments made to the model and the resulting forecasts of air passenger demand and aviation carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions out to 2050. The primary purpose of these forecasts is to inform long-term strategic aviation policy.

Reaction to the Forecasts

There has been a substantial reaction to the documents within the industry, most of it negative. RABA, MAG and others have all been highly critical. The intention is to seek member's views at the meeting and determine whether SASIG also wishes to make representations on the forecasts to DfT.

The Head of Secretariat will lead those discussions.

Recommendations

That SASIG considers whether it wishes to make representations to Government on the new Aviation Forecasts and the Chairman to write on their behalf if required.