



STRATEGIC AVIATION SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP
of the Local Government Association

SASIG Meeting 24 February 2012 - Chairman's Briefing Note

We have the following **presentation and speakers** attending today's meeting:

Helicopters - regulations, operations, characteristics

Jim Walker - Business Coordinator, Airspace Policy Coordination & Consultation,
Directorate of Airspace Policy, Civil Aviation Authority (CAA).

Colin Stanbury – London Heliport Consultative Group.

Introduction

- 1/ Welcome the group and thank them for coming.
- 2/ Invite any new attendees to introduce themselves, by giving their name and Local Authority.
- 3/ Ask that any apologies that have not already been tendered or recorded on the attendance sheet be reported orally now.
(Apologies tendered before the meeting need *not* be read out from the attendance list.)
- 4/ Remind the group to sign the attendance list, as it is the only record of their attendance.
- 5/ Ask the group to state their name and designation when they speak.

Material for opening & closing the meeting

Thank you all for coming. Over the past few months the Government has been considering the material supplied by interested parties in response to their 'Scoping Document' as they develop the national framework for aviation policy. We are now awaiting publication of their draft policy – expected before the end of March 2012.

A joint meeting between SASIG and the Town & Country Planning Association (TCPA) being arranged for mid- to late-April, to discuss the draft aviation policy – which will have been published for consultation (end of March 2012), and the National Planning Policy Framework – which will have been published as a final policy document ("by April 2012").

We have the Aviation Minister, Theresa Villiers, joining us at our AGM this June – please note this meeting will be on a Thursday, not the usual Friday – 14 June 2012.