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### Local Authorities & Aviation, Parliamentary News 3 November - 9 November

Parliamentary News	Government News
<p>3 November 2014 - <a href="#">Early day motion 455 - Air Passenger Duty for children. Early Day Motion (EDM) 455 was put down on 3 November 2014 by Andrew Bridgen (North West Leicestershire, Conservative): That this House believes that the UK's air passenger duty is acting as a barrier to allowing hardworking families to take holidays abroad, when the majority already have to pay a premium due to school term-time restrictions; and calls on the Government to reduce the financial impact on hardworking families by scrapping the air passenger duty applicable to children. This EDM has been signed by 13 MPs.</a></p> <p>3 November 2014 - <a href="#">Members of Parliament have debated the future of Blackpool Airport. The debate covered the history of the site and Member's desires to bring the airport back into general use.</a> A full transcript of the debate is also available on the SASIG website.</p> <p>5 November 2014 - <a href="#">Mr Michael Dugher has been appointed as the new Shadow Transport Minister replacing Mary Creagh who moves to International Development.</a></p>	<p>3 November 2014 - <a href="#">The Chancellor of the Exchequer and leaders of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority have signed a devolution agreement.</a> The agreement will result in devolving new powers and responsibilities to Greater Manchester, and Greater Manchester adopting a directly elected Mayor for the city-region. A full copy of the agreement is available <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p>5 November 2014 - <a href="#">The Government has announced that it will continue with proposals to speed up and simplify the process for making changes to planning consents for major infrastructure projects after they have been granted.</a></p> <p>6 November 2014 - <a href="#">Speaking at the World Travel Market conference in London, the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, Sajid Jarvid, said that the Government is working in partnership with the events sector to 'develop a joint strategy to support growth' in the conference and events market.</a></p>
European News	
<p>5 November 2014 - <a href="#">European aviation industry partners are looking to underline their commitment to the Single European Sky initiative.</a></p>	