



Item 4: Priority Issues for SASIG Responses and Lobbying

1. SASIG Secretariat have reviewed the prospective up-coming policy initiatives in the aviation field from the EU's Aviation Package, UK Government commitments and the CAA proposed 5 year work programme, whilst also having regard to the research priorities adopted by SASIG (see Item 7) and the views of CAG.

Recommendation:

Following this review, the Secretariat recommends that three technical working groups are set-up to focus on key policy areas. They are:

a) Environment, Planning and Airspace - Remit to include:

- Airspace policy and change
- Noise and air quality
- Environmental mitigation and compensation
- Renewables and the circular economy
- Community engagement and CSR
- Aerodrome safeguarding and masterplans
- Airport related development and its importance for airport viability
- Local plan LDO, DCO and EZ processes as they apply to airports

b) Surface Access and Other Infrastructure - Remit to include:

- Accessibility assessments
- Catchments areas and analysis
- Passenger modal split – appraisal and targets
- Car parking – supply, pricing and enforcement
- Public transport provision
- Freight and logistics
- Benchmarking studies
- Surface access plans
- Other core infrastructure
- Influencing funding priorities
- Approvals processes

c) Urban and Regional Economic Growth - Remit to include:

- The importance of international connectivity and its impact on key sectors/urban hierarchies
- Contribution to mega-region competitiveness
- Relationship to Government regional Powerhouse agenda
- Core and Key Cities and Airports
- Airport cities, districts and tourism gateways – implications for urban structure
- Airport clusters and their dynamics
- Job creation and the skills agenda
- Measuring key output metrics (GVA, jobs created, inward investment secured etc) and determining multipliers
- Appraisal methodologies and catalytic benefits – tourism, inward investment/HQ functions etc)
- A new approach to understanding the economic value of airports
- Stakeholder engagement and funding

2. We therefore propose organising a technical officer meeting on each of these subjects during April 2016. The available dates are:

- 6th April - 11.00am to 13.00pm and/or 14.00pm to 16.00pm
- 11th April - 11.00am to 13.00pm and/or 14.00pm to 16.00pm
- 13th April - 11.00am to 13.00pm and/or 14.00pm to 16.00pm

Recommendations

- That the establishment of the Technical Working Groups outlined above be supported.
- That members be invited to nominate representatives to attend these meeting on the dates shown in April.