

Newcastle Airport Consultative Committee
Minutes of Meeting
9th June 2026, 14:00

Present

12 committee members were in attendance, together with 4 officers from Newcastle Airport. Two apologies were received.

Minutes of last meeting

The Committee agreed that the minutes of the previous meeting were an accurate record.

Chair's update

The Chair welcomed new members and outlined the role of the Airport Consultative Committee (ACC) as an independent forum between the Airport and its stakeholders.

An update was provided on the Airport's Noise Sub-Committee, including the introduction of a new noise complaints process through WebTrak. The Noise Sub-Committee recently approved the use of a new online complaints form to provide more detailed information regarding aircraft-related concerns.

The Committee also received an update on the Civil Aviation Authority's recently published Environmental Sustainability Strategy, which focuses on climate impacts, resilience and adaptation.

The Chair advised that the annual ACC conference will take place later in the year at Stansted Airport, with Airport representatives attending on behalf of the Committee.

Spotlight slot: PFAS

The Committee received a presentation on PFAS (poly- and perfluoroalkyl substances), often referred to as "forever chemicals". They have become an area of increasing interest for the UK Government and environmental regulators due to their persistence in the environment and potential long-term impacts on human health and ecosystems. Monitoring programmes and research are currently being undertaken nationally to establish baseline PFAS levels and better understand their environmental presence.

Airport Company Report

Officers took the Committee through the Airport Company Report:

- The Airport remains on track to handle up to 6 million passengers during 2026, supported by the opening of the EasyJet base.
- The Airport was named the fastest-growing UK airport during Q1 2026 by the CAA.
- Ownership changes were completed in March, with Aena acquiring a 25% stake, InfraBridge holding 24%, and the seven local authorities collectively retaining a 51% shareholding.
- The £60 million investment programme continues to progress, including a three-storey terminal extension and new security screening lanes.
- The Airport's Community Fund supported the creation of a nature trail and memorial bench at Woolsington Ponds.
- The Airlink cargo facility project is progressing through the Environmental Impact Assessment stage and is expected to move to planning submission in due course.
- Additional woodland has recently been acquired to help offset residual emissions as part of the Airport's commitment to achieve Net Zero by 2035.

AOB

Members sought clarification on future infrastructure plans. The Airport advised that additional pier capacity may be developed as aircraft numbers increase.

The Committee also discussed the possibility of a dedicated aircraft viewing area. The Airport confirmed that a viewing area remains part of the Airport's Masterplan 2040 proposals

Date of next meeting

Tuesday 15th September, 10:00-11:30, Newcastle Airport Level 1 Board Room (Denyer Suite)