**Airport Consultative Committee Meeting 7th June 2022**

Board Room: Newcastle International Airport

In attendance: 10 Committee Members, 3 Members of the Airport Staff and apologies for absence were received from 8.

1: The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed those attending for the first time, expressing pleasure that, after 2 years, the Committee could once again sit in person in the Boardroom.

2: The minutes of the meeting 08th March 2022 were agreed and accepted as an accurate account.

3. The Airport updated Committee Members on the outstanding actions:

Reporting on parking fines that are distributed by the onsite Airport Garage the Airport confirmed that the garage is operated by a company called MFG, Parking measures are implemented on behalf of MFG by another company called Euro Carparks. The Airport is not provided with the number of fines nor the amount of revenue generated.

It was agreed the Airport Planner should talk to Transport North East about the termination of 42A bus route that once served the airport terminal.

4. During Chairman’s Business **t**he Chair informed the Committee that as soon as the DfT publish updated guidance for Consultative Committees it is noted that the Committee should, if necessary, review its own practices to ensure it is aligned.

5. The Secretary informed the Committee that the Member for North Tyneside has sadly retired from the Committee and welcomed the new representative to the meeting. The process for the recruitment of a new Chair and Deputy Chair had commenced.

6. During the Company Report the Airport confirmed that recent weeks have seen passenger numbers at 80-90% of pre-pandemic levels. Leisure traffic has returned strongly, however the gap in passenger numbers between now and pre-pandemic levels is due to business and scheduled traffic not returning as quickly.

The business has seen a lot of new investment by its airline partners, including two new based aircraft from Ryanair, 8 based aircraft from Jet2.com and a further aircraft arriving for the peak summer season as well as a new 4th based aircraft from TUI. New airline Corendon has begun twice-weekly services to Antalya and Dalaman, whilst EasyJet have restarted 4-weekly flights to Palma. In order to support the increase in passengers, the Airport is running a continuous recruitment programme.

It was confirmed that noise complaints are continuing at a low level but have risen slightly as the number of flights increase.

The project to build a Solar Farm on Airport land will begin soon. The Airport is working closely with the Woolsington Parish Council to establish a wildlife corridor from Callerton at the western end of Airport to Havannah at the Eastern end.

7**.** The Committee were given a presentation about how water and air quality and noise levels are monitored by the Airport Company. The Committee was pleased to note that levels of air and water quality continue to be well within the safe levels.

8**.** Any other business:The Airport agreed this would be looked into protruding iron works on the footpath behind the DoubleTree hotel that are a trip hazard.

The Chair was awarded a leaving gift and card from the Airport and Committee to thank her for her many years of service as Chair. She thanked members for their hard work in representing the communities around the Airport so well.

9. The date of next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 6th September 2022.