

Newcastle Airport Consultative Committee
Minutes of Meeting
20th April 2025, 14:00

Present

9 committee members were in attendance, plus 5 officers from Newcastle Airport. 6 apologies were received.

Minutes of last meeting

The Committee agreed the minutes of the last meeting were an accurate representation.

Chair's update

The CAA is launching a Consumer Environmental Framework in April 2027. Consumer will be able to view the emissions from a flight and choose to offset those emissions.

ACOG (Airspace Change Organising Group) finished the consultation for Edinburgh and Glasgow Airports. The goal of the modernisation is to create cleaner and quieter routes that save significant amounts of carbon. Announcing the results of the consultations at the end of 2026/beginning of 2027.

The public consultation for the airspace modernisation of the northwest Airports has been approved, so the collection of airports can proceed with the work.

Airport Company Report

Officers took the Committee through the Airport Company Report:

- The Airport welcomed 5.6 million passengers in 2025, strongest international passenger numbers ever.
- The £60m investment projects are progressing well, the new search lanes will be the longest in the UK, they will go live in middle to late May.
- The Emirates service has been reduced from 7x to 5x a week. Flights are still full due to the onward connections the Emirates provides.
- In March, EasyJet based 3 aircraft at the Airport leading to increased jobs.
- The Airport won 'Best in Europe' in the 5 - 15 million in the ASI awards.
- The Airport raised £34,346.02 for True Colours in 2025. AA mentioned the Airport is selling race day seats to raise money for True Colours and if members of the ACC are interested, they should contact the Airport.
- The Airport hosted a celebration event for long service awards, spotlight awards, high flyer awards.
- 99.4% of passengers went through security in <10 min in 2026 Q1.
- 95% of all assisted passengers were assisted within 0-5 minutes.
- The Airport is working towards the level 2 ACI accreditation for passenger assistance service provision. If successful they will be the first UK airport to hold level 2.
- Car parking and commercial income exceeded budget for Q1 2026, this is unusual considering the increasing popularity of budget airlines at the Airport.
- The Airport serviced over 6,000 passengers to date at the new waiting area and is trying to get signage for the A696.
- The Airport had the best Q4 they have ever had in 2025. This is due to Ryanair basing an additional aircraft. The Airport is seeing a variety of sunny and city break passengers.
- Airlink planning application will be submitted in the next few months and the Airport hopes to start construction in 2027.

- The Airport's Surface Access Strategy will be launched in the next 2 months and aims to increase the number of journeys made to the Airport via bus, walking, cycling.
 - The Airport's direct carbon footprint for 2025 was a 46% reduction from 2019 baseline. This is due to the increasing use of HVO and the increased generation from the solar farm. The Airport is currently planning for phase 2 of the solar farm and a wind turbine to increase renewable energy generation.
- The Airport hit a recycling rate of 46% 2025, this exceeded the target of 45%.
- The air quality around the Airport's site is still below legal limits, the NO₂ average annual concentration decreased from 2024 to 2025.
- The Airport recently created a noise policy; the key changes are asking complainants to submit complaints on WebTrak.

Date of next meeting

Tuesday 9th June, 14:00-15:30, Newcastle Airport Level 1 Board Room (Denyer Suite)