

Newcastle Airport Consultative Committee
Summary of Meeting
2nd December 2025, 10:00

Present

10 committee members were in attendance, plus 5 officers from Newcastle Airport. 4 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's environmental forum took place in November and was well attended.

In the Aviation Environmental Review, Newcastle Airport was considered a benchmark for the industry for its work on monitoring noise, water quality and air quality.

Airspace change process CAP1616 is going to be published in early 2026, focused on London and North Scotland.

Guidance on how ACCs should operate has been published. This guidance will be incorporated into Newcastle Airport's committee as appropriate.

Masterplan feedback

- 270 interactions in the Masterplan consultation
- 75% in favour of the proposals
- Concerns for the environmental impact of additional flights and the diverted road for a runway extension
- Final Masterplan is going to Board in January

Airport investment

- Additional check-in areas
- Additional security search area
- Terminal extension adding luggage belts and seating in the departure lounge
- New long stay car park
- Fastned opening 15th December
- New Airport Waiting Zone opening mid-December near Callerton Parkway Metro station. Existing free drop off will be relocated here in January. A free electric bus will transport passengers to and from the new waiting zone.

Airport Company Report

Officers took the Committee through the Airport Company Report:

- The Airport achieved its 'busiest summer ever' in 2025

- The Airport is actively working with Northumbria Police to raise awareness of the use of drones in the local community
- A record number of students joined the Newcastle College ambassador program in September
- 1.81m passengers handled in Q3 2025, which was a 5% increase on prior year.
- New destinations included Copenhagen, Berlin, Agadir, Hurghada, and Guernsey
- Security wait times at 0-10 minutes for 99.77% of passengers
- Passenger services helping 21% more passengers compared to 2024 levels.
- Obtained ACI 'Level 1' Accreditation for Passenger Assistance Service provision (only 2nd UK Airport to achieve this status)
- The 3rd annual Sustainability Summit is being held on the 3rd December, inviting internal and external Airport stakeholders to celebrate sustainability progress and collaborate on plans for 2026

Date of next meeting

Monday 20th April, 14:00-15:30