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## NOISE MONITORING SUB-COMMITTEE

Friday, 17 July 2020

10.30 - 11.00 a.m.

### PRESENT:

Norman Elias, Chairman

Helen Bradshawe, Environmental Health, Knowsley Council

Jim Candlin, Environmental Health, Cheshire West and Chester Council

Ian Gaskell, Environmental Health, Knowsley Council

David King-Hele, Environmental Health, Wirral Council

Cllr Tricia O'Brien, Liverpool City Council – Cressington Ward

Bob Swann, Consultative Committee

Tony Rice, disabled persons

Ian Rushforth, Environmental Health, Liverpool City Council

Malcolm Spargo, Hale Parish Council

Andrew Dutton, Head of Environment, Liverpool Airport

Mike Jones (Secretary)

### 1 **APOLOGIES**

The clerk noted that some apologies may have been lost when the meeting invite was resent and attendance was reset.

Apologies were received from:

Norman Joughin, Wirral Council

Martin Doyle, Cheshire West and Chester Council

### 2 **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

At the annual meeting of the Liverpool John Lennon Airport Consultative Committee on 21 February 2020, the Noise Monitoring Sub-Committee was confirmed to continue. The Sub-Committee were to elect a Chairman for the ensuing year.

Nominations for the role of Chairman for 2020/2021 were requested by the Secretary.

Norman Elias was nominated by Bob Swann and seconded by Malcolm Spargo.

There were no other nominations.

**Resolved –**

**that Norman Elias be appointed Chairman of the Noise Monitoring Sub-Committee for 2020/2021.**

### 3 **APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN**

Nominations for the role of Deputy Chairman were requested.

Bob Swann was nominated by Malcolm Spargo and seconded by Councillor Tricia O'Brien.

There were no other nominations.

**Resolved –**

**that Bob Swann be appointed Deputy Chairman of the Noise Monitoring Sub-Committee for 2020/2021.**

### 4 **MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS OF REFERENCE**

**Resolved –**

**that the terms of reference and membership for 2020/2021 be noted.**

### 5 **CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP**

There were no changes in membership to report.

### 6 **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

**Resolved –**

**that the minutes of the meeting of the noise Monitoring Sub-Committee held on 24 January 2020 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.**

### 7 **NOISE COMPLAINTS**

Andrew Dutton detailed the situation since the 'lockdown' had started as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The aviation industry was probably one of the first industries to be hit by the pandemic as people stopped travelling. From 23 March passenger numbers dropped significantly and subsequently about 50% of staff were furloughed. From April onwards airlines cut schedules, the Airport restricted opening hours but stayed open for 11 (mainly medical passengers) flights a week by Logan Air to the Isle of Man.

The terminal was closed until a handful of other flights restarted in June. Whilst the terminal was closed the Isle of Man passengers used the business

aviation centre. When the terminal first opened there were very few concessions open but they had started reopening in July.

Regarding noise complaints, it was noted that the records for the period January to March were not yet accessible as the staff involved had been furloughed, but it was expected that they would be accessible in time. For the period April to June there had been 6 complaints from 4 individuals, with only two complaints about specific aircraft and none involving commercial flights. There was a concern that once operations get back to more like normal, there may be a spike in complaints as people had got used to having very few aircraft movements.

**Resolved – that**

- (1) the difficulty of accessing the noise complaints between 1 January and 31 March be noted; and**
- (2) the noise complaints from 1 April to 30 June be noted.**

## **8 AIRSPACE CHANGE**

Andrew Dutton provided a reminder of the background to the Airspace Change Proposal (ACP), including that: The process started with a submission/request to the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) in February 2018; LJLA is following the CAP 1616 guidance; full details and staging were available on the CAA Airspace Change Portal; on 13 January 2020 the airspace change consultation began as (stage 3) - consulting on 6 potential options for routes; as part of the consultation there had been open sessions on 12 February and 7 March; the consultation had been extended to 27 April, and had included newspaper notices and messages on BBC radio, Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter with regular updates.

The consultation report, to include feedback had been drafted and would be published on the Portal. There had been over 800 responses although some people still claimed they had not been made aware.

**Resolved –**

**that the Airspace Change update be noted.**

## **9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next scheduled meeting was on Friday 23 October 2020.

## **10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

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