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# NOISE MONITORING SUB-COMMITTEE

Friday, 23 April 2021

# PRESENT:

Norman Elias, Chair Helen Bradshaw, Environmental Health, Knowsley Council Peter Hargreaves, Environmental Health, Cheshire West and Chester Council David King-Hele, Environmental Health, Wirral Council Councillor Christina Muspratt, Wirral Council Tony Rice, Disabled Persons Ian Rushforth, Environmental Health, Liverpool Council Councillor Malcolm Spargo, Hale Council Bob Swann, Chairman of Consultative Committee Liverpool Airport Andrew Dutton, Head of Environment Colin Barnes Secretariat Mike Jones, Secretary

# 1 APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from: Ian Gaskell, Environmental Health, Knowsley Council

# 2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interests.

# 3 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

At the annual meeting of the Liverpool John Lennon Airport Consultative Committee on 19 February 2021, the Noise Monitoring Sub-Committee was confirmed to continue. The Sub-Committee were to elect a Chair for the ensuing year.

Nominations for the role of Chair for 2021/2022 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 Chair of the Noise Monitoring Sub-Committee for 2021/2022.

#### Norman Elias took the Chair

### 4 **APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHAIR**

Nominations for the role of Deputy Chair were requested.

Tony Rice was nominated by Bob Swann and seconded by Norman Elias.

There were no other nominations.

#### Resolved –

that Tony Rice be appointed Deputy Chair of the Noise Monitoring Sub-Committee for 2020/2021.

# 5 MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS OF REFERENCE

Resolved – that the terms of reference and membership for 2021/2022 be noted.

#### 6 CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

The Secretary announced changes in membership since the last meeting which included the appointment of Councillor Doreen Knight filling the vacancy for Liverpool Council, Speke Garston Ward and Councillor Christine Muspratt, substituting for Councillor Liz Grey, who had requested a place for Wirral Council.

#### 7 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

#### Resolved -

that the minutes of the meeting of the Noise Monitoring Sub-Committee held on 22 January 2021 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

#### 8 NOISE COMPLAINTS LOG

Andrew Dutton and Colin Barnes talked through slides of the Noise Log. The Log covered 14 months since February 2020 instead of the usual three months as a number of noise complaints had not previously been reported because of a technical challenge receiving emails from multiple locations as the airport migrated to a remote working during the pandemic. All of the complaints had been responded to.

There had been no more than 4 complaints on any one day, and some months had no complaints. There was a peak of 18 complaints in August 2020 which coincided with the most aircraft movements and good weather so people were outdoors and more likely to notice noise when compared to the prior lockdown periods. The highest number (14) were received from Liverpool, and the highest common complaint reason in any month (5) was regarding departures.

The slides included several showing the reduction in aircraft movements compared to last year and two years ago. Most flights within lockdown were the regular flights to the Isle of Man to access hospitals facilities around Liverpool.

Until the announcements were made about green/amber/red countries, i.e. which were safe to fly to, and what restrictions would be for travellers, it was unlikely that passenger and flight numbers would increase dramatically in the short term.

#### Resolved -

that the noise complaints, including ones previously omitted, between 26 February 2020 and 31 March 2021 be noted.

#### 9 AIRSPACE CHANGE

Andrew Dutton provided an overview and update to the airspace change proposals. The process had begun in February 2018 but had been paused in November 2020 because of the pandemic. The pause was to continue until January 2022 as other participants were needed to be operating for future stages. The Airspace Change Organising Group were working toward a national plan to for all changes to be at the same stage, although they would still be assessed locally. Overall, it was a change to satellite navigation from land based. Andrew would be writing to each Council locally with a short summary of where we have been and what we are doing going forwards.

Andrew had noted that the Consultative Committee it had been suggested that we report carbon regularly so the figures were provided in a slide. The figures were annual. The slide showed reductions from 8,220 tonnes in 2010/11 to 2,685 in 2020 for all ground-based operations at the Airport, although the realistic figure was likely to have been mid 4,000 if in normal operations. Part of the reduction was due to the National Grid investing in sustainable power sources and in the airport many minor actions such as having controls so lights turned off when no one was around. The wider picture was that Sustainable Aviation (an industry organisation of Airlines, ATS, manufacturers and airports in the UK) produced more efficient aircraft, sustainable fuels and airspace modernisation, such as more direct flights and opening up military airspace, and had set targets for improvement. Liverpool was well placed to take advantage of changes as the local Stanlow energy site was a likely site for sustainable fuel production. Some airlines offset the carbon they produced but still aimed to be more efficient, and hydrogen fuel was being considered too.

Resolved – that the Airspace Change and carbon updates be noted.

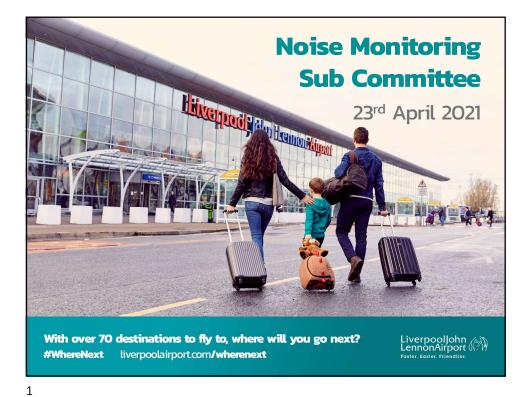
# 10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

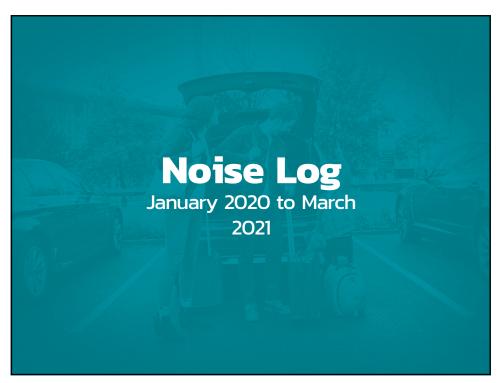
The next scheduled meeting was Friday 16 July 2021 at 10.30 am.

# 11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

# Minute Item/08/2021





		Club	Commercial	Non Commercial	Othe
2020	January	1,767	2,323	131	104
	February	1,195	2,374	133	74
	March	2,054	1,764	129	97
	April	257	131	17	57
	Мау	582	125	22	130
	June	353	205	51	140
	July	1,298	1,012	152	183
	August	2,030	1,979	160	107
	September	2,755	1,480	106	124
	October	1,892	1,171	73	133
	November	643	497	54	81
	December	1,481	572	30	114
2021	January	301	502	13	66
	February	210	229	15	40
	March	151	200	14	19

