



# London City Airport Consultative Committee

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020

# Agenda











- Minutes from meeting on 10 September
- CEO Presentation – Update from Robert Sinclair
- Masterplan Update- Tim Halley
- Sustainability Update- WSP
- LCY Update – Please note that for this meeting no reports will be provided
  1. Airspace and Environment
  2. Community
  3. Planning
  4. Airport Transport Forum
- AOB
- Date and detail of next meeting

# LCY Business Update and Outlook



- LCY has continued to be significantly impacted by the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on domestic and international travel
- **UK travel restrictions and quarantine rules** have created market uncertainty and weakened confidence in travel, with the result that LCY passenger numbers and flights are over 90% down on last year
- It has also become clear that the **recovery in aviation will be slow and gradual** - ACI EUROPE has revised down its traffic forecast for the rest of 2020 and 2021, and the latest industry projections are that there will not be a full recovery in aviation before 2024 or 2025
- We therefore expect the winter season to be quiet with demand and incomes constrained. LCY is operating a **pared back winter schedule**, but we hope to see more airlines increase their routes and frequencies in the coming weeks. Passenger numbers for 2020 are predicted to be just under 1 million
- Whilst the outlook is challenging, we remain confident about the long-term prospects of the airport and our ability to play a key role in re-connecting London and supporting our local communities
- With good news on vaccines, government announcements on a test and release scheme and more financial support for airports, we are optimistic about a **rebound commencing from Easter next year**

# Airline Schedules over Winter

Airline	Update
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Currently operating 2 weekly services to Edinburgh and Belfast during the lockdown period</li> <li>Plans to revert to 5 weekly rotations on Edinburgh, Belfast and Frankfurt after 2 December</li> <li>Plans to start Geneva and Chambéry in early 2021 (dependent on opening of Ski resorts)</li> <li>IoM route has moved to LHR but we are optimistic that it will return next year</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dundee route continues to operate with a single daily rotation</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amsterdam route continues to operate with a single daily rotation</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vilnius route continues to operate 4 weekly</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Luxembourg route continues to operate 3 weekly</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paused their operation for 5 weeks in December and will be back early January</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discontinued entire network until the end of the Winter season</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Targeting a re-start of Frankfurt route on 1 March</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Targeting a re-start of Zurich and Geneva routes on 1 March</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Targeting a re-start in March 2021 given current poor performance out of LHR</li> </ul>

# Business Restructuring



- In September, LCY announced proposals to restructure the business to safeguard the future of the airport in light of the impact of COVID-19
- The restructuring was difficult but necessary in the current environment, with passenger volumes and flights significantly down and the recovery in aviation set to be slow and gradual
- Consultation with staff (via the airport's elected **Staff Committee** representatives) took place from mid-September until the start of November. The consultation considered ways to mitigate costs including alternatives to redundancy, but unfortunately it was not possible to protect every job as certain roles were no longer viable
- The process impacted all departments and staff levels (both operations and head office), and regrettably many great colleagues have left the business through a combination of voluntary and compulsory redundancies. We have done everything we can to support these individuals, including working with the Council on outplacement support
- The decisions taken in recent weeks have been very difficult, but they will enable the airport to bounce back and create more jobs for local residents when growth returns

# Airport Testing



- The implementation of a fast, robust and affordable testing regime is needed to boost passenger confidence in booking travel and resuming flying again
- The Government has announced a **test and release scheme** in England to reduce quarantine which will come into operation on 15 December. International arrivals will be able to take a test after 5 days of self-isolation and be released from quarantine upon receiving a negative test result
- This is a welcome first step, but quarantine needs to be replaced with an **internationally consistent health screening and testing protocol** to enable pre-departure tests and COVID-secure flights
- It is vital for the recovery of aviation that quarantine is removed entirely by spring next year in order to open up international travel and encourage passengers to book ahead with confidence for the 2021 summer season
- LCY plans to open an airside **testing facility at the airport** in the coming weeks. This would serve as a trial for passengers who need a pre-departure test for outbound travel and also to provide the option for testing passengers on arrival



# CADP Developments

- The main construction works as part of the City Airport Development Programme are now complete. The airport's new infrastructure assets - eight **new aircraft stands** and the **parallel taxiway** have undergone successful trials and are now fully operational as we welcome back our airlines
- LCY passengers will also benefit from the airport's new facilities in the terminal - 10 new **immigration e-gates** went live back in September, and the **outbound baggage facility** is undergoing trials prior to coming into operation in summer 2021
- The new **Digital Air Traffic Control Tower** will be also be going live at the end of January, in partnership with NATS. This will result in LCY becoming the only commercial airport in the UK to have fully digital air traffic control - a demonstration of the airport's commitment to innovation



# LCY Community Work



- The latest round of applications to the airport's **Community Fund** closed in November
- The Trustees are currently considering the applications prior to announcing in early 2021 which local charities and community organisations will receive the latest grants
- We will be commencing our annual volunteering and sponsorship initiatives through the month of December. We will be sponsoring a Christmas dinner which will be delivered by volunteers to vulnerable members in the local community
- Looking ahead to 2021, we have plans to support students with virtual work experience and work based projects at the airport in Q1





# Questions





# Update: Publication of new master plan

# Recap on consultation feedback



- Briefed committee members in March on consultation feedback following 16 week consultation period in 2019
- **Very pleased with the level of engagement and grateful for the balanced feedback from all our stakeholders** – included members of the local community, businesses, local government and passengers, reflecting the important role we play for the UK, London and our local communities
- **Responses from industry, passengers and local businesses offered broadly supportive and positive feedback** - particularly with respect to the economic benefits, job creation, improved connectivity and choice, particularly for East London
- **Some positive sentiment from members of the public, local authorities and political representatives, but concerns / opposition raised** on potential impacts on local community and environment – for example, any changes to the existing 24 hour weekend curfew, as well as the first and last half hour



# Updates to our master plan



- **Feedback has informed our final master plan and given us confidence in our vision for how the airport could grow in a sustainable and responsible way**
- **Plans to publish master plan in March were deferred due to COVID-19 pandemic** – allowed us to focus on responding to the crisis and support our staff and local community
- Confident in the recovery of the aviation industry over the longer term and its increased role in supporting London's recovery (including employment, tourism, trade and the hospitality sector)
- We have updated the master plan to reflect the short-term challenges of COVID-19 and remain confident of achieving our vision to **accommodate up to 11 million passengers and 151,000 flights each year, supporting 5,300 local jobs and contributing over £2 billion to the economy**

# How feedback has informed our master plan



- **Operating hours** – we do not plan to seek any changes to operating hours either during the week or at weekends at this time
- **Climate Change** - building on our accreditation for carbon neutrality (of ground operations) with stronger commitments to reaching Net Zero at the airport by 2050, as well as working alongside our partners in the airline and aerospace industries
- **Getting to/from the airport** - strengthening our surface access targets to achieve 90% of journeys to and from the airport being made by public and sustainable transport modes by 2041 (acknowledging the Mayor of London targets)
- **Noise contour for aircraft** - in line with our current planning requirements, seeking to grow within our existing noise contour limit and reducing its area by 2030 through increasing the number of cleaner, quieter new generation aircraft
- **Making best use** – where possible seek to use our existing airfield more efficiently and prioritise this over new development outside of the current airport site.



# A high level vision



- **DfT guidance that all airports should publish new master plan every 5 years**
- **Previous master plan published in 2006** - forecast 170,000 flights and 8 million passengers by 2030 and needs updating due to passage of time
- Our new master plan is **not a planning application** - a non statutory high-level vision for potential future development
- Provides **a clear statement of intent** to the local community/stakeholders and is intended to inform the preparation of future local development plans

# Publication of the master plan



- **The master plan and consultation report will be published on our website on Friday 04<sup>th</sup> December**
- We will share the link with all LCACC members and advertise publication in the local newspapers
- Publication of master plan is not a pre-cursor to an immediate planning application -LCACC members will be kept fully informed of any detailed proposals should they come forward at a later date.



# London City Airport Updates

# Community



- London City Airport CEO took part in a virtual presentation to over 40 students at the London Metropolitan University based on the impact on COVID-19 on aviation and the outlook for the sector
- We will be working with local schools, colleges and charities to facilitate virtual work experience for students
- The E16 Community newsletter was also distributed last month, ensuring that local residents are kept informed about developments at the airport



## Community Fund

- We received 62 applications during this round of funding. The organisations ranged from food banks, health and wellbeing charities and COVID-19 response initiatives
- The organisation were from a spread of 12 boroughs which shows the need is there as the combining request for funding was over £179,000

## 12 days of giving volunteering

- The airports annual 12 days of giving initiative will begin in December. Airport volunteers will be able to get involved in a range of different local initiatives to support vulnerable families this winter period



# Airspace and Environment



## Airspace

- LCY have successfully passed through the Stage 1B gateway under CAP1616 for airspace modernisation. This means that the design principles have been confirmed and approved by the CAA. Stage 2 is still on hold due to COVID-19. Like other UK airports, LCY had paused the current process. In talks with ACOG but no substantive update

# Airspace and Environment (cont.)



## Environment

- Sound Insulation Scheme – in 2019 APR the 2019 actual contour was slightly smaller than the 2019 forecast contour from the previous year. Also the COVID-19 impact meant that the forecast for 2020 was much smaller than previously. Therefore, no new properties became eligible. 39 properties however became eligible for reinspection. This is based on them having works carried out 10 years ago

## Aircraft Complaints

- During Q3 LCY received a total of 168 correspondences, 163 of which were complaints, and 5 were related to non-LCY operations or enquiries. The same number of complaints (163) were received in Q3 2019
- Despite the number of complaints being the same for Q3 2019 and Q3 2020, the number of complainants dropped from 105 to 13

# Planning Update



## S106 Contributions

- Environmental Health Monitoring Contribution of £78,901 was paid to the Council in Oct 2020
- 2020 Education and Employment Contributions deferred by period of 12 months until purpose of payments can be fulfilled

## Review of Mitigation Strategies

- Five environmental mitigation strategies currently being reviewed with London Borough of Newham (including Noise, Sustainability & Biodiversity and Air Quality) as required by CADP permission

# Transport Update



## Airport Transport Forum

- The previous Forum was held in September. Next meeting will be held in Dec 20
- Travel Plans measures currently being reviewed given the impacts of COVID-19

## Royal Docks and Beckton Riverside Opportunity Area Planning Framework (OAPF)

- Consultation ended on 27th Nov 2020

## Elizabeth line (Crossrail) Completion

- Central section to Abbey Wood operational from Dec 2022. End-to-end services, to Heathrow, are expected by end of 2023

## Uber Boat by Thames clippers

- Operation suspension from 5th Nov 2020



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