## Membership of UKACCs Liaison Group

## What this paper is about

Informs delegates of the current membership of UKACCs Liaison Group and the current bandings for membership subscription fees. There are currently 23 airport consultative committees represented on the UKACCs Liaison Group.

## **Matters for consideration**

- The scale of UKACCs membership subscriptions for 2019/20
- The membership criteria for UKACCs and whether the number of annual ATMs at airports should form part of the criteria
- Whether Norwich Airport ACC should be offered membership of UKACCs

## **Current Membership and CAA's Traffic Figures 2018**

- 1. The Annex to this paper shows the CAA's passenger statistics for 2018 and, for comparison, those for 2017. The new data published by the CAA shows passenger demand (Terminal and Transit Passengers) grew by 3% across UK's airports, with the greatest growth being experienced at Southend Airport with an increase in 36% in passenger throughput. All London airports showed growth with London City (6%), Luton (5%) and Stansted (8%) showing the strongest growth. Outside of London, there was a mix of some airports showing strong growth, such as Belfast International (7%), Bristol (6%) and Edinburgh (7%) but also some experiencing a decline in throughput such as at Doncaster Sheffield (-8%), Birmingham (-4%) and Southampton (-4%).
- 2. This year, in response to a question raised at the UKACCs Working Group meeting about the need to have an understanding of growth in air traffic movements (ATMs) at airports, the total ATMs (for passenger and cargo flights) for 2018 have been included in the table in the Annex. For the London airports area there was a 2% increase in ATMs in 2018, but in total across UK airports that are required to report their traffic figures to the CAA, the number of ATMs remained static. Of those airports in UKACCs membership, the largest increase in ATMs was seen at Southend airport where there was a 51% increase. The number of ATMs at Belfast International and Stansted saw an increase of 11% and 8% respectively. However, 13 of out 23 UKACCs' member airports saw either no increase in ATMs or a decline with the biggest decline at Doncaster Sheffield (-12%), Leeds Bradford (-9%) and Birmingham (-7%).
- 3. The CAA's traffic figures for 2018 have been used to update the UKACCs membership scale of membership subscriptions. The updated figures and subscription bands are set out in the Annex. The subscription bands are airports handling:
  - Over 60 mppa £1,625 per annum (red)
  - 40-60 mppa £1,375 per annum (grey)
  - 20-40 mppa £1,125 per annum (orange)
  - 10-20 mppa £875 per annum (yellow)
  - 6-10 mppa £625 per annum (green)
  - 3-6 mppa £425 per annum (purple)
  - under 3 mppa £325 per annum (blue)
- 4. As a consequence of traffic growth the only airport that has moved up a subscription band is Belfast International ACC.
- 5. The Working Group has considered UKACCs' financial position and agreed that it is not considered necessary to either increase or reduce the current membership subscriptions as there are sufficient funds in the UKACCs bank account.
- 6. The present criterion for membership of the Liaison Group is that an airport should have a passenger throughput of 0.6 mppa or more or be 'an airport of regional significance'. There have been no applications for membership from airports of regional significance that need to be considered by UKACCs.
- 7. Annex 1 includes at the bottom of the table a list of other airports that either qualify for membership of UKACCs or are nearing the annual passenger throughput membership qualifying criterion. As previously reported, Cardiff ACC decided to give up its membership of UKACCs a few years ago at a time when the airport's management changed and its ACC was reorganised. Exeter ACC has never been a member of UKACCs but had previously declined becoming a member. At the request of UKACCs at last year's Annual Meeting, the Secretariat has again approached Cardiff Airport and Exeter Airport ACC to invite them to

participate in the work of UKACCs. The response from Cardiff was that as they are reviewing and renewing how its ACC currently works, they will then be in a better position to consider joining UKACCs. The Secretariat will continue to pursue this with Cardiff airport. A response is awaited from Exeter who were going to put our invitation to their ACC for consideration.

8. Under UKACCs' current membership criteria, it is possible that Norwich ACC may qualify for membership in the next couple of years. However, in view of the number of ATMs at Norwich Airport (20,575 ATMs) which are currently greater than those at Southend Airport (17,088 ATMs) delegates are asked to consider whether an approach should be made to Norwich ACC to offer membership. It is an airport of regional significance but also in view of the fact that the number of ATMs at Norwich are greater than the annual ATMs at some of UKACCs' smaller regional airports, there will be issues that its ACC will have in common with UKACCs member ACCs.

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**UKACCs Airports – Terminal & Transit Passengers and ATMs** 

UKACCs Airport	UKACCS 2017 Rank	Terminal & Transit Passengers 2018 (000s)	Terminal & Transit Passengers 2017 (000s)	Total % Change	Total ATMs 2018	Total % Change
Heathrow	1	80,125	78,012	3%	480,339	1%
Gatwick	2	46,086	45,557	1%	283,186	-
Manchester		28,293	27,826	2%	194,131	-1%
Stansted	4	27,996	25,904	8%	185,077	8%
Luton	5	16,770	15,990	5%	106,666	1%
Edinburgh	6 7	14,294	13,410	7%	125,426	2%
Birmingham	8	12,457	12,990	-4%	104,553	-7%
Glasgow		9,656	9,898	-2%	85,877	-3%
Bristol	9	8,700	8,239	6%	66,147	4%
Belfast International	10	6,269	5,837	7%	46,115	11%
Newcastle	11	5,334	5,300	1%	42,412	-3%
Liverpool	12	5,047	4,901	3%	35,914	1%
East Midlands	13	4,874	4,879	-	56,947	1%
London City	14	4,820	4,530	6%	78,036	2%
Leeds Bradford	15	4,039	4,077	-1%	31,525	-9%
Aberdeen	16	3,056	3,091	-1%	81,552	-
Belfast City	17	2,511	2,560	-2%	35,845	-3%
Southampton	18	1,991	2,070	-4%	35,750	-9%
Southend	19	1,480	1,092	36%	17,088	51%
Doncaster Sheffield	20	1,222	1,336	-8%	8,797	-12%
Inverness	21	894	875	2%	12,007	-2%
Prestwick	22	682	696	-2%	4,760	-3%
Bournemouth	23	675	695	-3%	4,096	-4%

UKACCs Total: (CAA Total of all reporting airports = 292,359 (3% increase in throughput))

Other Airports	Terminal & Transit Passengers 2018	Total ATMs 2018
Cardiff	1,465	17,009
Jersey	1,638	23,804
Guernsey	843	20,930
Exeter	909	13,512
Isle of Man	798	14,097
Kirkwall (Orkney)	181	11,840
Norwich	528	20,575
Newquay	461	7,631

287,271

279,765

(Source: <u>CAA</u>
<u>Airport Statistics</u>
2018)