## **UKACCs Indicative Work Programme 2024-26**

## Introduction

1. In 2022 UKACCs agreed its first indicative two-year Work Programme 2022-24 to give focus to UKACCs' work and priorities. The Work Programme has helped UKACCs to better communicate to its member ACCs, the DfT and CAA, and other interested parties the aims of UKACCs and what it is endeavouring to influence at the national level.

2. To ensure that UKACCs is in a strong position nationally to both contribute to the DfT's and CAA's policy and strategy development and in parallel to ensure that the ACC community has a concerted and coordinated voice at a variety of important and influential national fora, the current a two-year Indicative Work Programme needs to be refreshed.

3. UKACCs' priorities for developing a refreshed Work Programme have been based on members' comments raised at last year's Annual Meeting, comments raised by members over the past year, the new Government's priorities, and the CAA's various work programmes.

4. The Work Programme needs to be realistic given the limited resource of the UKACCs Secretariat to drive forward the work of UKACCs, attendance at national meetings/fora and other ad hoc engagement. To assist the Secretariat, Members are invited to express an interest in participating in fora or workstreams or being a Champion for a certain area at the meeting. It should also be noted that the delivery of the Work Programme will be heavily dependent on the work streams of others such as the DfT and CAA.

5. The suggested refreshed Indicative Work Programme 2024-2026, which includes 5 Objectives, is set out in Annex 1 for consideration and approval. **UKACCs is recommended to adopt the Indicative Work Programme 2024-26.** 

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## ANNEX 1 Draft UKACCs' Indicative Work Programme 2024-26

This Indicative Work Programme reflects the priorities of UKACCs for 2024-26. UKACCs continues to focus on driving best practice in the way in which our member ACCs structure themselves and operate. UKACCs also brings together the views of member ACCs to gain a national understanding of the key issues, challenges and trends across the UK's largest airports enabling an amalgamated view to be presented to the Department for Transport (DfT), the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) and other national bodies and transport providers. UKACCs remains flexible to changing circumstances and will adapt the Work Programme where needed.

## Our objectives

Our objectives over the next two years are:

- 1. Continuing to support member ACCs in ensuring best practice is at the heart of their working structure. This will include work streams on:
  - Working with DfT on developing and promoting a UKACCs Guiding Principles for Best Practice Toolkit
  - Supporting member ACCs in achieving best practice for transparency and communication of their work including ways to raise awareness and the profile of ACCs at the local level.
  - Developing an improved UKACCs website to support the UK's wider network of ACCs and in raising awareness of UKACCs' work to other organisations and interested parties.
  - Working with the CAA on its review of airport environmental sustainability engagement practices and complaints handling ensuring alignment with the DfT's Guidelines for Airport Consultative Committees as well as UKACCs' proposed Toolkit for Best Practice.
- 2. Enhancing UKACCs' network and information sharing between member ACCs to assist in building a national understanding of key issues, challenges and trends for airports and their ACCs. Working collaboratively across its membership enables UKACCs to identify common issues and concerns.
- 3. To support member ACCs in building an understanding of the Government's climate change, decarbonisation, airspace modernisation, sustainability, transportation and planning priorities and to develop an amalgamated UKACCs view.
- 4. To engage with Government, the CAA and other national bodies to represent an amalgamated member ACC view with a particular focus on any implications arising from:
  - The review of the National Planning Policy Framework and the need for specific guidance on land use planning and aviation noise;
  - The proposed creation of a UK Airspace Design Service and ACOG's (Airspace Change Coordinating Group) development of Iteration 3 of the Airspace Masterplan for each of the four clusters – Scotland, West, North and South East;
  - > The CAA's various environmental sustainability projects and initiatives;
  - The need to strengthen national policies and strategies in respect of passenger accessibility, service provision and facilities;
  - The Government's proposed a ten-year infrastructure strategy, industrial strategy and regional development priorities and how they will support regional connectivity between the UK's airports.
- **5.** To continue to broaden the geographic reach of UKACCs through promoting the benefits of UKACCs' membership with those ACCs that meet the UKACCs membership criterion and encourage their future membership.