

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 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 best practice toolkit.
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 economic and sustainability implications of the Government's growth agenda to assist ACCs in communicating the benefits and opportunities at the local level. Climate change, decarbonisation, airspace modernisation, environmental sustainability, transportation and planning priorities are of particular interest in developing an amalgamated UKACCs view.
4. To engage with Government, the CAA and other national bodies to represent an amalgamated member ACC view 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;
5. The Government's ten-year infrastructure strategy, industrial strategy and regional development priorities and how they will support regional connectivity between the UK's airports are of key interest. Building an understanding of surface access projects needed to support regional connectivity and airport growth will be a focus of attention.
6. 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.