



UK Airport Consultative Committees Liaison Group

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UKACCs' Indicative Work Programme 2022-24

This Indicative Work Programme reflects the priorities of UKACCs for 2022-24. 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 the outcomes from its 2021/22 Information Gathering Exercise of ACCs ways of working and help identify common issues experienced by ACCs.
 - 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 planned review of engagement practices ensuring alignment with the DfT's Guidelines for Airport Consultative Committees.
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.
3. Working collaboratively across its membership, UKACCs aims to identify common issues and concerns about how their member ACC airports are building back better as the industry recovers from the impact of the Coronavirus Pandemic with a particular focus on:
 - the passenger experience and identifying the source of problems and concerns in service provision and performance; availability of skilled and trained manpower from the local labour market; airports' and their business partners' capacity to meet flight schedules and growing demand; and choice of surface access modes to and from airports including active travel provision.
 - how local communities (local residents, businesses and suppliers) impacted, both negatively and positively, as a result of reduced airport operations are adapting and responding to changed circumstances.
 - how airports are addressing and taking account of new and progressive Government policies and regulatory strategies such as on industry resilience, climate change, decarbonising aviation and levelling-up.

4. To support member ACCs in building an understanding of the Government's climate change, decarbonisation and transportation priorities, including implications arising from the recommendations of the Government's Union Connectivity Review, and develop an amalgamated UKACCs view on:
 - Challenges for airports in developing airport surface access strategies and the business case for major schemes needed to support airport initiatives to meet net zero targets.
 - Any implications of the Government's wider strategic ambitions for levelling up for airports which are a concern to member ACCs.
 - Any implications arising from revisions to existing subsidy rules for domestic aviation which would allow support for routes between different regions of the UK as well as to and from London.

5. To engage with Government, the CAA and other national bodies to represent an amalgamated member ACC view on:
 - New and developing planning, transport, decarbonisation, jet zero and sustainability policies, strategies and performance monitoring.
 - Airspace Modernisation progress, delivery and processes.
 - Local labour markets and recruitment needs, including skills, training and education.

6. To continue to broaden the geographic reach of UKACCs through promoting the benefits UKACCs membership with those ACCs that meet the UKACCs membership criterion and encourage their future membership.

Agreed at UKACCs Annual Meeting 24 November 2022