

EAST DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Exeter Airport Consultative Committee – held at Exeter Airport on 23 April 2025

Attendance list at end of document

1 Declaration of Interests

NTR

2 To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 23 January 2025

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 January 2025 were confirmed as a true record.

Gary Collier stood down as Chairperson and Francis Pullman was nominated and this was voted in by the committee.

3 Verbal report from Stephen Wiltshire, Managing Director, Exeter Airport

The Committee received an update from the Managing Director, Exeter and Devon Airport Limited.

Passenger numbers -	January	17,700 (4,292)
	February 25	18,549 (5,243)
	March 25	25,862 (6,901)

KLM launched their Amsterdam flight from Exeter on 31st March, loads are healthy.

TUI launch their second based aircraft at Exeter commencing Summer 25, an additional 80,000 seats taking passenger numbers through the 0.5 million for the first time since COVID and Flybe collapse and a new Ibiza route.

Summer Routes healthy loads - no disruption, 26 Destinations in nine countries, new route to Faro (Portugal). 10 x Ryanair Flights NEW PALMA- 2 x weekly started 02 May 2024, and 4 x Alicante 2 x Faro continuing after successful season last summer plus 2 x Malaga.

Domestically Operating 6 Routes, Belfast, Edinburgh, Newcastle, Glasgow paused at the end of March, Jersey, Guernsey, Isles of Scilly.

Royal Mail- transitioning away from air and onto road and rail by March 2025.

240 FTE (290 individuals)

Airspace Change Proposal- stage 2 gateway rework was undertaken for resubmission in March 2025 but failed the gateway.

Paris route is still the main focus. Manchester route starts in October 2025.

A Zero Carbon Trial is taking place on 29 April, Collaboration with TUI, Ulemco, Cranfield University.

4 Verbal report from Will Campbell, General Manager, Exeter Aerospace

40,000-man hours were worked in Q4, EA continuing to maintain Cityflyer, SAS and Emerald and have signed a maintenance agreement for winter 25/26.

There are currently 4 aircraft in storage.

135 Permanent employees and gained sponsorship status to allow employees to work from outside the UK.

EA worked with Exeter College on a course where 7 students work 2 nights training and then 4 were employed at the end of training.

A meeting has been arranged with Exeter University looking at Internships.

5 Verbal report from Toby Russell, DAAT

Toby Russell gave a brief update on the DAAT operations.

TR offered the ACC a visit to the DAAT headquarters northside.

6 Noise report for the airport

There has been a total of 10 noise complaints since the last meeting.

7 AOB

ACC meetings to be booked in advance going forward.

8 Date of next meeting

11 September 2025 @ 1400 – Venue: Exeter Aerospace

Attendees

Francis Pullman
Sue Scott
Gary Collier
Will Campbell
David Moore
Stephen Wiltshire
Claire Cottrell
Toby Russell

