

# Exeter Airport Consultative Committee

## Minutes – 23 March 2026

1. Present – Stephen Wiltshire, Will Campbell, Francis Pullman (Chair), Dave Moore, Paul Hayward, Sue Scott (Secretary)
2. Apologies – Claire Cottrell, Anne McLaird, Phil Franklin, Toby Russell, Alexandra Robinson, Paula Fernley
3. Minutes of the meeting held on 27 November 2025 confirmed.
4. Stephen Wiltshire, Managing Director of Exeter Airport, reported on the current business and future plans.

### Stakeholders Group Meeting – Directors Update 23 March 2026

#### FY26

April 25	43,322 (9,318)
May 2025	58,311 (10,877)
June 2025	69,912 (10,991) 10% down on prior year
July 2025	71,912 (12,206) 10% down on prior year
Aug 2025	76,639 (12,490)
Sep 2025	70,066 (11,000)
Oct 2025	62,452 (10,926)
Nov 2025	28,465 (7,901)
Dec 2025	27,442 (8,413)
Jan 2026	22,346 (4,207)
Feb 2026	23,515 (4,917)
March 2026	29,178

**KLM** 31 March 2025, 1 year anniversary next week.

**TUI Airlines** Second aircraft returning 21 May, new route Kos.

**ZCT Trial** Part 2 GPU trials simulating aircraft turnaround- Winter conditions

**Royal Mail** Last flight - 04 April 2025.

- Summer Routes healthy loads - no disruption, 26 Destinations in nine countries, 11 x Ryanair Flights Palma - 2 x weekly, and 4 x Alicante 2 x Faro continuing after successful season last summer plus 3 x Malaga.
- Second Malaga for Winter
- FY26 –forecast 584,000 - 32% growth

- Domestically Operating (6 Routes), Belfast, Edinburgh, Newcastle, Jersey, Guernsey, Isles of Scilly.
- 226 FTE (273 individuals)
- Airport Carbon Accreditation level 2 target for this year, targeting level 3 mid 2027.
- Net Zero 2040
- Route Growth- Paris, second Amsterdam, Polish Route, Malta, additional Ryanair frequency.
- Manchester started October 2025.
- Belfast – Reduced to 1 x week summer

**Next year Summer 26 605,000 5%**

5. Will Campbell, General Manager of Exeter Aerospace reported on the current business and future plans.

EACC Meeting 23.03.2026

Permanent staff has now reached 175 employing 25 global workers since November last year. We are in the process of running the 2<sup>nd</sup> bootcamp of the year encouraging people in mechanical our electrical engineering trades to cross over to aviation. 18 apprentices in place with adverts planned to go out in April for this September where we will take in a 4<sup>th</sup> intake increasing our numbers upto 24.

The winter has been extremely busy with around 20,000 manhours being produced each month. Flagship customers including BA Cityflyer, SAS Link, Finnair and Emerald Airlines.

Finnair is now complete for the season

BA Cityflyer finishes in mid May

SAS finishes in mid May.

We are working through RFP process with SAS and BA to extend the contracts out to 2030. If successful, these should be announced over the next few months. Securing 70% of our work for the next 4 years.

The summer is fairly bleak for us, which is fairly normal. We are working with various leasing companies to secure work over the summer, that being said, we have plenty of training and projects running over the summer to keep us busy.

Revamp and introduction of a new canteen which will give a suitable rest area for our increasing employee numbers.

Implementing a sheet metal shop this summer to support increased structural work and support the apprenticeship moving forward. An instructor has now been secured.

Investigating adding the E2 aircraft to our capability which will ensure robustness for future customers. Finnair announced today they will take up to 46 aircraft, SAS link announced the same a few months ago.

6. In the absence of Claire Cottrell, Compliance Manager and Sustainability Lead of Exeter Airport, Stephen Wiltshire confirmed that only one complaint had been received since the last meeting.
7. Any Other Business - None raised.
8. The date of the next meeting to be confirmed. It is likely to be towards the end of September.