

EAST DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

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

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1 Declaration of Interests

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2 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 30 July 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on 30 July 2024 were confirmed as a true record.

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

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

FY24 passenger numbers were 434,639 and movements 28,000. FY25 are currently at 380,525 passengers to the end of December.

KLM will start daily year round flights to Amsterdam on 30 March 2025; approximately 50,000 passengers with the potential to increase.

Summer Routes - Summer Routes healthy loads - no disruption, 26 Destinations in nine countries, 10 x Ryanair Flights Palma - 2 x weekly, and 4 x Alicante 2 x Faro continuing after successful season last summer plus 2 x Malaga.

A second based TUI aircraft will commence in Summer 25 providing 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.

FY25- 441,000 passengers
FY26 – 585,730 passengers

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. Last flight will be 4th April 2025.

233 FTE (276 individuals)

Airport Carbon Accreditation – Exeter is certified at level 2 and work will continue towards level 3.

Airspace Change Proposal- stage 2 gateway rework being undertaken for resubmission March 2025.

Paris and Manchester- focus routes and still work in progress.

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

EA have signed a long-term contract with BA Cityflyer for all their base maintenance until 2027. They also have a long-term contract with SAS and Finnair.

EA currently have 140 employees and has been given approval for sponsoring employment outside the UK.

Their Apprenticeship Programme continues with 12 apprentices and 7 have been offered employment from the programme. Work continues with the college with nightshifts being available for those in other industries such as farming and automotive to complete the course, they will then be offered an interview at the end.

5 **Report from DAAT**

No update

6 **Aviation South West**

No update

7 **Noise report for the airport**

There has been a total of 15 noise complaints for 2024.

Engine Test Facility is under construction with a planned completion date of March 2025, this will reduce the impact of noise for local residents caused by Engine Tests.

8 **AOB**

SAF – Exeter has engaged with its fuel supplier to ensure we are meeting the requirements of the SAF mandate.

Sewage Treatment Works – Southwest Water continues to make good progress with the sewage connection work, they have commenced working airside starting with the creation of the pumping station, work is anticipated to be complete early spring.

Hydrogen Trial – Exeter and its consortium partners TUi, Cranfield University and Ulemco are aiming to trial Hydrogen fuelled equipment in an airside environment during April 2025, the project is titled 'Zero Carbon Turn'

9 **Date of next meeting**

Tbc

Attendance List

Francis Pullman
Stephen Wiltshire
Will Campbell

West Hill Parish Council (*acting chair*)
Managing Director
General Manager Exeter Aerospace

David Moore
Henry Gent
Claire Cottrell

Bishops Clyst Parish Council
Broadclyst Parish Council
Exeter and Devon Airport limited (*minutes*)

Apologies

Gary Collier

Clyst Honiton Parish Council

Chairman

Date: