

# **Place Services and Economic Development Scrutiny Committee**

## **Aviation Update**

**26<sup>th</sup> March 2015**  
**Stansted Airport**



Essex County Council

# Objectives of this presentation

- Provide Members with an appreciation of the ECC view on aviation;
- Provide Members with an appreciation of how MAG have taken into account our views in the Final SDP;
- Highlight emerging national and local aviation work that may be of interest to the Committee;
- Questions.



# Davies Commission – Independent Airports Commission

- In 2012 the government asked Sir Howard Davies to chair an independent Commission tasked with identifying and recommending options for maintaining the UK's status as an international hub for aviation.
- The Commission will publish by the summer of 2015 a final report, for consideration by the government and opposition parties, setting out recommendations on how to meet any need for additional airport capacity in the longer-term.
- The need for ECC to come to a view on the work of the Davies Commission, and to instruct the various responses ECC has offered to its calls for evidence, inspired the council to publish its 'Flights of Fancy' document in 2013.



# ECC's Long Term Strategic Aviation View

- Heathrow – Complete closure is not realistic or desirable, a third runway at Heathrow is the most viable option.
- Super Hub at Stansted/Thames Estuary – ECC does not support a new super hub at Stansted/Thames Estuary. If Heathrow remains open a rival 'super hub' is unviable and unsustainable.
- Stansted – ECC supports sensible growth at Stansted including maximising the use of the existing runway. ECC recognise and will support MAG in introducing new destinations and long haul flights.



# Key Principles for Aviation

ECC supports MAG in making best use of existing capacity, specifically –

- The reform of Air Passenger Duty to incentivise the take up of spare capacity;
- Improve surface access to airports with unused capacity, especially rail connectivity;
- Explore other reforms to make best use of existing capacity;
- Promote competition between airports by removing economic regulation and championing consumer interests; and
- Liberalising the UK's bilaterals policy to open up capacity.



# Airport Surface Access Study

To inform ECC's positioning in response to the Davies Commission final report, ECC has commissioned Jacobs to undertake a study, to:

- Identify the potential surface access investment requirements needed to facilitate growth at Stansted and Southend Airport.
- Highlight the extent and characteristics of the forecast capacity issues associated with passenger growth on key corridors within the vicinity of the airports.

A second study may then be required to identify a preferred package of transport measures required to accommodate future growth, supported by a rationale for investment.

This work will then be used to inform ECC and partner lobbying and investment strategies to secure and direct funding in support of surface access capacity improvements.



# Stansted Sustainable Development Plan

**Joint Working  
and Partnership**

**Diversification of  
the Airport**

**2014** | SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PLAN  
SUMMARY



**Economic  
Importance of  
Essex**

**Education and  
Skills for the Local  
Essex Community**

**Freight**



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# Stansted Surface Access and Economy

- Stansted's Role as a Major Transport Hub;
- Reviewing the Airport Surface Access Strategy element of the SDP;
- Economic Importance of Essex and key locations;
- Early Years and Child Care at Stansted;
- Articulate the key surface access investments required to facilitate growth in capacity;
- Skills and Training (discussed in the Community Section);
- *Stansted business survey key findings; and*
- *Future freight forecast at Stansted.*





# Stansted Land Use

- Articulate the economic strength of Essex.
- Relationship with Minerals and Waste Planning.
- Market Potential – diversification of Stansted operations to offer a wider choice of airlines, in particular medium and long haul carriers.
- *Air Freight Services and Future Trends.*

# Stansted and their Community

- Essex Employment & Skills Board (ESB) Shared Priorities.
- Early Years and Child Care Provision.
- 'Aerozone' and the relationship with the ESB.
- Essex Apprenticeship Programmes.
- Graduate Opportunities.
- Essex Education and Industry Programme.
- Stansted Airport Employment and Skills Academy.

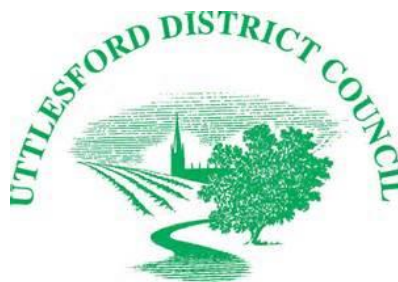


# Future Work and Emerging Work Streams



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# Questions

