**GLASGOW AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the 185th Quarterly Meeting held by Microsoft Teams

on Monday 19th July 2021 at 10.00 am

**Minute of the previous meeting**

The Minutes were circulated in advance.

The Minutes were agreed.

**SUSTAINABILITY**

There was a detailed presentation by the airport on the steps the airport was taking towards sustainability and achieving net zero.

A number of issues were raised by members of the Committee including surface access, the rail link. The Committee emphasised the importance to the community and the airport of advancing the sustainability agenda and the importance of getting started as these transport projects always took much longer than hoped

**Traffic Matters**

Traffic is up significantly compared with the same period last year when there was a lockdown but still significantly below pre-COVID19 levels.

There are two Covid19 test centres at the Airport – PCR and Antigen respectively. One is a drive through and the other is available for walk-in and can be booked on the website.

Around 70% of staff are still being furloughed.

There are around 15 – 20 flights per day and these are mostly Loganair.

The airport continues to have safe and secure operations.

There is greater availability in retail as flights resume and it is hoped that this will continue to increase. A question was asked in relation to parking costs for drop off; it was explained that the airport had taken the decision not to close during the pandemic and required to find ways to maximise such income as it could to defray costs.

The Committee had a discussion on staff furlough during the period

Stobart Air had ceased operations during the period.

There was a update on the possible introduction of duty-free. It was reported it was unlikely that this would change.

**Wildlife**

With reduced flights bird numbers have increased significantly. The airport is addressing the issues that this raises with relevant stakeholders

**Noise**

The airport is continuing to work with local councils on noise. A noise forum is to be established and the airport was engaging with the relevant authorities. At the present time the lack of flights makes meaningful analysis difficult

**Matters arising**

It was noted that it had been hoped that the Flightpath Fund would be open by the summer but this has had to be deferred for operational reasons

A discussion took place on the upcoming COP26 and the possible challenges that that would bring; it was noted that the airport considered that it could cope with both COP26 and normal business.

It was agreed that there would be an update on the Airspace Change relaunch and that the money has been ringfenced for this purpose. It was agreed that this would be put on the next agenda for a presentation and discussion.

**Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting is on Monday 19 October.