

GENERAL AVIATION PARTNERSHIP - MEETING SUMMARY

Wednesday 13th July 11:00 – 13:30 Microsoft Teams Conference Call

Attendees:

CAA
DfT
Air Pilots
Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association
Airfield Operators Group
British Microlight Aircraft Association
British Air Display Association
British Balloon and Airship Club
British Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association
British Helicopter Association
British Rotary Association
British Skydiving
Cameron Balloons
GASCo
General Aviation Alliance and Royal Aero Club
General Aviation Awareness Council
Helicopter Club of Great Britain
Light Aircraft Association
PPL/IR Europe
Royal Aeronautical Society – General Aviation Group
UK Flight Safety Committee
British Gliding Association

Apologies:

Airspace for All
British Business and General Aviation Association
Director UK Airprox Board
Flying Farmers Association
Future Airspace Strategy VFR Implementation Group
(FASVIG)

Historic Aircraft Association

1. Introductions and Welcome

The meeting was opened, apologies shared, agenda items covered. Sophie O’Sullivan will be on maternity leave until Q1 2023, with the Head of GA & RPAS Unit role covered by Michael Macdonald and Kevin Woolsey in her absence.

2. **Scheme of Charges** - covering: What are the Schemes of Charges? How are they set? General Aviation Funding, Impact of COVID, The CAA's Statutory Charges can be put into three categories: Annual, Variable and Other, Future Funding Model – Principals, Next Steps
 - **Questions** were asked on GA fuel taxes and revenues, the user pays principle and future funding models. Clarity around GA oversight and losses around recreational, historic and business aviation, what is being done within the CAA to reduce cross subsidy gap? How much does complexity of SoC benefit the Industry and CAA?
3. **AMS Consultation Response** – covering: AMS Update, Seven Key GA Elements and planned Further Engagement.
4. **DfT Update** - covering Political Developments, Policy & Governance, Airspace, Regulation, Safety, *Aviation Skills*, Aviation Skills Recruitment Platform, Challenge Fund and Outreach.
 - **Questions** were asked on the zero rating on VAT, what is the support to apprenticeships sponsored by airlines and relationship with treasury and DFE? Concerns over the new PPL coming into the industry and fuel and training costs. Validation of major changes by EASA due to EU/UK relations and SYSTRA to look at global licensing system within the UK. (Systra.co.uk) Gateway required for aerospace skills shortage within small/medium enterprises.
5. **PBR Principles** – covering Performance Based Regulation and Oversight, Concept, Background, Internal Process, Complexity & Baseline Oversight, Performance & Confidence, Link to RSMS
 - **Questions** were asked on Approval of FAA manufactory spares for aircraft.
6. **Community in the Spotlight** – presented this quarter by the **BMAA**, covering: who are we, what is Microlighting? The Team, Technical and Club Activities, Analysis, Membership, Permits, Flexwing, 600kg - what does it mean? A8-26 Airworthiness Review, Licence Review, Developing Service, Commercial aspect of Microlighting.
 - **Question** was asked on the BCAR Section S regulation and how it affects UK microlights.
7. **AOB** –covering: Bristow's consultation and surveillance programme on airfields and use of land in Kent.
 - **Questions** asked on EC policy and BVLOS operation with electronic continuity, how does this safeguard airspace? What is EGISS was formally Helios – 3 phrases for single standard for EC. Link for [Airspace change proposal public view \(caa.co.uk\)](http://Airspace change proposal public view (caa.co.uk)).

The Chair thanked everyone who attended.

Date for the next General Aviation Partnership meetings is:

Wednesday 9th November 2022 (11:00-13:30).