

General Aviation Partnership Meeting

Thursday 13th June – 10:00 – 12:30

Via Microsoft Teams Conference Call

The following attended:

Aisha Rehman (DfT)
Andrew Cragg
Andrew Sinclair
Bethan Grinham
Chris Mason
Deborah Lovatt
Hannah Foskett
Ibrahim Khan-Ghauri
James Shipp
John G
Karen Michaels
Katrin Klimson
Laurence Baxter
Mark Shaw
Marnie Burroughs
Martin Robinson
Mike O'Donoghue
Mike Pearson
Marc Bailey
Joe Thompson
Roger Hopkinson
Tony Knight
Tim Fauchon
Pete Stratton
Maria Nash
Rob Gratton
Thomas Gravett

Welcome:

Confirmation of the acting Head of and Mike's move to FO.

Introduce agenda

Infringements - Rob Gratton:

The pre-review process and review process of infringement and the importance of stakeholder engagement was explained by Rob, went into detail on the background of reporting and Just Culture.

Safety Intelligence update – Katrin Klimson:

Overview of General Aviation Aircraft, 60% of the registered aircraft report their annual hours. The Safety Summary from 2018-2023 shows that numbers of fatalities have risen, accidents and serious incidents have decreased in 2023 compared to 2022, but rate has remained stable, variations between aircraft classes.

Future plans for safety data include an external facing Power BI solution available for the GA community.

DfT update – Bethan Grinham:

Bethan Grinham (DfT) gave an update on a few different policy update on replacing the functionality of EGNOS with SBAS.

EC update – the first workstream is ensuring it's future proofed and the second workstream is on developing the Human Factors.

Environmental – Zero Emissions Airport Target and the Jet Zero Council

DfT GA will be moving into Ibrahim Khan-Ghauri's team as Bethan steps into another role.

Light Aircraft Survey with Tim May and Deborah Lovatt:

Tim and Deborah from the Aviation Environment Federation presented on their Light Aircraft Survey which was based around light aircraft noise. The most recent survey confirmed that aircraft noise has caused anger and frustration for local residents of airfields. AEF would like to see aerodromes and the CAA be transparent about the number of complaints due to noise as well as a number of other things such as: policy guidance, local authority commitment, airfields to be good neighbours, the requirement for newer and quieter engines in light aircraft and effective noise monitoring.

GA Communications:

CAA gave an overview of its recent communications work with the GA community. There were no further questions on what was covered.

AOB:

ORS4 No.1601 update

There was a request from those in attendance to bring GASCo back onto the agenda. Confirmed that we would have them at our next GAP meeting.

Proposed Date for the next General Aviation Partnership meeting is:

Wednesday 20th November, 10:00am – 12:30pm