

Exeter Airport Consultative Committee

Exeter Airport Consultative Committee works to the Department for Transport Guidelines for Airport Consultative Committees and has representatives from Local Parish, District and City Councils. This is about the Airport being a 'good neighbour'.

The latest meeting was held on-line on 5th April 2023, chaired by Dean Stewart of Ottery St Mary Town Council. WHPC was represented by Cllr Della M Cannings QPM.

Key points

The Managing Director, Exeter and Devon Airport Ltd (EDAL) reported:

- Air Space review has been subject to a resubmission, so no progress to date.
- Passenger numbers eg December 2022 = 23,606 of which 7000 are on domestic flights, March 2023 = 24,000.
- There is a new route to Faro, Portugal and increased flights 7 days a week to Edinburgh.
- Currently 26 routes to 9 countries and 7 domestic routes. Seeking to add routes to Norwich, Manchester, Amsterdam and Paris.
- Undertaking work to be carbon neutral by 2050, currently adding solar panels to terminal and hanger buildings.
- Noise complaints since November 2022 = 5

The General Manager, Exeter Aerospace reported:

- This company provides repair and maintenance of aircraft at Exeter and Belfast.
- Now operating 7am to 7pm, 7days a week.
- Staffing increased to 92 FTE
- Supporting numerous airlines and adding new ones eg Iceland.
- Apprenticeship scheme for 6-10 apprentices is now due to begin in September 2023 with the Future Skills centre providing the required accreditation.

Devon Air Ambulance Landing Site Manager reported:

- They have 196 community landing sites, including the one in West Hill.
- They have 8 hospital landing sites and other identified fuelling and emergency landing sites.
- The Devon Air Ambulance publish on line a mission map that shows where their helicopters and Critical Care Cars have been - <https://www.data.Org/pages/FAQS/Category/mission-map>

No representatives from the Police Helicopter Unit and Aviation Southwest were present.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 2023, so will be a matter for the new Council to consider representation.

DECISION: Councillors to note this report.