

Heathrow Leadership Group

Meeting 6

Minutes of a meeting held in the Board Room, The Compass Centre, Nelson road, Hounslow, Middlesex, TW6 2GW.

On Monday 30th July 2012 at 10:00

Present: Richard Deakin NATS

Andrew Haines CAA (by phone)
Steve Ridgway Virgin Atlantic Airways
Willie Walsh International Airlines Group

Christoph Mueller Aer Lingus

Brian Moore Border Force (item 2, Immigration)

Colin Matthews (Chair)

Tina Temby (Admin)

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The meeting commenced at 10:08

The minutes of the Heathrow Leadership Group meeting indicate the topics discussed and show the direction of debate, the general conclusions and actions. The minutes are not intended to be a detailed record.

Item no.	Subject
1.	Minutes of Previous Meeting
	The minutes of 30 th April 2012 were agreed.
2.	Short Term Operational Issues
	Immigration
	Good performance since 15 th July. The group believes that good passenger service should be maintained after the Games and Brian Moore outlined plans to maintain contingency resources through the period from September to December with a focus on maintaining the agreed service levels. From the year end, newly recruited staff should be trained and effective. The group believes that current standard (25 minutes for EEA and 45 minutes for non EEA) should be improved.
	Brian Moore left the meeting at 10:40.
	Olympics
	Good performance so far.
	Winter Resilience
	The short term (12 out of 14) recommendations arising from the Begg report have been
	implemented. The 2 longer term items (the possible centralisation of de-icing facilities and Airport
	Control Centre) are being developed in consultation with airlines.
	T2 Occupancy
	The acquisition of BMI by IAG is driving a rethink of T2 occupancy. Already complicated, the review



	is made more difficult by uncertainty over which airline will take up the "remedy slots" relinquished by British Airways. To avoid delays to the T2 project, and to give clarity for Q6, early resolution is important.
	Operational freedoms Phase 2 is on-going and has been more beneficial to punctuality than phase 1, with early vectoring allowing a more rapid recovery on occasions when weather conditions have caused departure delays.
	Liquids and gels The European Commission has recognised the limitations of currently available liquid screening technology and appears accordingly to be taking a realistic approach to the timetable for relaxation of the current regulations.
3.	"Sustainable Aviation" policy review Noise will be a key issue through the policy review process, and we have an opportunity to present a coherent explanation of the overall performance and plans. Heathrow is making progress on noise with quieter aircraft, modified operational procedures and noise mitigation schemes.
4.	Civil Aviation Bill and Q6 The Bill is approaching the final legislative stages and few changes are anticipated. BAA distributed its "Q6 Initial Business Plan" to airlines as the basis for further debate.
5.	AOB None.
6.	Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting Monday 15 th October 2012, 09:00 – 11:00 Board Room, BAA Compass Centre
	There being no further business the meeting closed.

The meeting finished at 11.50

Colin Matthews Chairman