

GENERAL AND BUSINESS AVIATION STRATEGIC FORUM

Tuesday 7 July 2020
Via Skype for Business Conference call

In attendance:

Roger Hopkinson (RH)	General Aviation Alliance, GAA (Chairman)
Martin Robinson (MR)	Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, AOPA
Marc Bailey (MB)	British Business and General Aviation Association, BBGA
Richard Moriarty (RM)	Chief Executive, CAA
Rob Bishton (RB)	Director Safety & Airspace Regulation, CAA
Rachel Gardner-Poole	Head of GA Unit, CAA
Stuart Lindsey (SL)	Manager Airspace Regulation, CAA
David Harding (DH)	Deputy Director, Aviation Safety Policy, DfT
Elena Barcan (EB)	Head of GA Policy, Strategy & Engagement, DfT
Glenn Bradley (GB)	Interim Head, Flight Operations, CAA
Laura Greenslade (LG)	PA to Head GA Unit, CAA (Secretary)

Apologies:

Jon Round (JR) Head of AAA, CAA

1. Introduction and Apologies

There were no introductions. Apologies were accepted by the Chair.

2. Agreements of minutes from the May meeting

[Paper 2: Minutes 11 May meeting]

The minutes were agreed with two minor amendments.

3. Review of actions and matters arising

[Paper 3: Action Log 2020]

RH asked that old closed actions are not displayed on the action log.

109 – *To set out 3-5 main GA priorities for the Airspace Modernisation Strategy:* **Action:RH and RB agreed to hold a separate meeting.**

114 – *MB/MR to present an item on the broader skills agenda at a future meeting. DH to share the scope of DfT research on this subject:***This action was covered under item 4 of the agenda.**

116 – *DH to discuss with Chair about paper to Secretary-of-State and report back:* **Action pending.**

118 – *Chair to set up Secretary-of-State/Aviation Minister GBASF briefing:* **Action pending.**

119 – *JR to brief at next meeting on interference of GPS signals in relation to EC and GNSS approaches:* **SL spoke about this topic as part of his general Airspace update.**

121 – MR to form a task force to further investigate pilot training issues and report back to the Forum: **This action was covered under item 5 of the agenda**

122 – DH & MB to discuss aviation services and how DfT GA Programme can help: **This action was covered under item 7 of the agenda.**

4. DfT GA programme update

[Paper 4: GBASF July slides]

DH gave a positive update from DfT which covered Airfields, Airspace, Skills, Safety and Regulation and COVID-19 restart and recovery. The GBASF noted that there was very positive progress on the aviation skills area. RH asked how this information will be shared more widely and RGP highlighted that the GAP the following week already has a scheduled agenda item for DfT to provide a more detailed update on skills.

Action item 123: DH and RGP to look at creating a high level one page activity plan (similar to the EASA roadmap) to show progress and generic terms.

5. Strategic Discussion: Pilot Training

[Paper 5: Flight Training in the United Kingdom]

MR highlighted the short and long term issues of costs when it comes to flight training in the UK and the urgent need for discussion on this issue in relation to the impact of Brexit. It was agreed that the DfT Skills team and representatives from the CAA GA Unit and Flight Operations capabilities would take part in a workshop to discuss next steps and actions to be taken.

MR also mentioned that the GA community are not clear as to what licences will be accepted when the UK leaves EASA.

RGP agreed to speak to GB offline to ensure that BREXIT communications are re-emphasised to the GA Community, ensuring normal channels of communication are used.

RH noted an email that had been circulated to stakeholders on the 6th July 2020 from the CAA with a request to provide ideas for consideration on the Post Brexit Red Tape Challenge. This was well received.

Post meeting note: After the GBASF it was agreed that DfT would arrange a meeting to discuss flight training issues and the impact of Brexit. The CAA have provided licensing reps to support items within the agenda.

Action item 124: DfT and MR to report the outcome of this meeting at the next GBASF.

6. Network of Airfields

MB proposed that the DfT look at researching a strategic network of airfields (as was done by York Aviation in 2018) focusing on recreational airfields and looking at the load on aviation going forward up to 2050. The aim would be to finish this piece of work by the first quarter of 2021. DH is very keen to get this work underway, however time and resource would be needed.

Action item 125: MB and DH to discuss network airfields offline and pick up again at the next GBASF