

CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE 505th BOARD MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2017,
CAA HOUSE, LONDON

Present:

Dame Deirdre Hutton Chair
Mr Andrew Haines
Mr David Gray
Mr David King
AVM Richard Knighton
Mr Michael Medlicott
Mr Richard Moriarty
Dr Ashley Steel
Mr Mark Swan
Mr Chris Tingle
Mr Graham Ward
Ms Kate Staples Secretary & General Counsel

In Attendance:

Mr Peter Drissell
Mr Tim Johnson
Mr Richard Stephenson
Mr Mike Webb (Aon Hewitt) for item VII
Mr Jeff Butler for item VII
Mr John McColl for item V
Ms Clare Muir for item VIII
Ms Sophie O'Sullivan for item VIII
Mr Troy Preston for item IX
Mr Tony Rapson for item X
Ms Charlotte Reynolds for item IX
Ms Rebecca Roberts-Hughes for item VI

Mr Jon Round

for item IX

Ms Angela Lynch

Minute taker

Mr Ed Weston

I Apologies

1. There were no apologies.

II Previous minutes and matters arising

2. The Board approved the previous minutes from January, in expectation of a change to paragraph 22 where it was agreed that a new version should be circulated.

III Chair's Update – by Dame Deirdre Hutton

3. The Chair reported on her recent meetings, including separate meetings with Philip Rutnam and Lucy Chadwick at the DfT and with the Chair of NATS. The Chair also attended the latest Consumer Panel Committee meeting and the General and Business Aviation Strategic Forum.
4. As highlighted at the previous meeting, the Chair participated in a meeting for economic regulators with DExEU. It was a productive session, which confirmed the Government recognises the aviation sector as a priority area for European negotiations and that their planning process will consider a range of short and long term implications.
5. Mr Gray reported on the recent meeting of the UKRN Chairs that he and the Chair attended. The current focus is looking at cross-cutting policy areas and how best to engage with external stakeholder groups. BEIS is undertaking a broader review of the network, which is expected to be published over the next few months.

IV Chief Executive Report [including Live issues] – Doc 2017-011 by Andrew Haines

6. Mr Haines updated the Board on his recent meetings and live issues of particular significance. He highlighted the release of the Department for Transport's consultation on airspace and noise policy (2 February 2017), to which the CAA will respond. In addition, he reported that the Transport Select Committee has

set up an inquiry into airspace management and modernisation. Mr Haines promised to update the Board on the CAA's approach to this at the next meeting.

7. It was agreed that the Board would receive a further briefing on aviation noise at a future PIE meeting.

Action: Mr Weston

8. Following on from last month's discussion, the Board were briefed on the Modern Transport Bill, in particular the proposals regarding spaceflight and NATS regulation. The timing for the Bill remained uncertain owing to Parliament's heavy focus on Brexit and ongoing policy discussions.
9. Mr Tingle reported on the ongoing work being done to prepare for taxation changes for off payroll working, which come into effect from April 2017. This work included engagement with relevant industry stakeholders.
10. The Board approved the appointment of a new CAAPS trustee, Reiner Krammer, with effect from 1 April 2017.
11. The Board approved additions to the list of authorised signatories on the CAA bank mandate as a result of recent staffing changes.

V Return to Service for the Airbus EC225 Helicopter – Doc 2017-019 by Mark Swan

12. The Board welcomed Mr McColl to the meeting. He reported on proposals whose implementation could allow a phased return to service for the Airbus EC225 Helicopter.
13. The Board discussed the extensive conditions required to be completed before any return to service. These included the need for demonstrable compliance with EASA directives, more stringent equipment checks, a permanent ban on the use of Shock Loaded Gears and FAG Epicyclic Gears, a more frequent monitoring regime and positive approval of the safety case.
14. Provided that these conditions were met, the Board agreed to the return to service process. The Board would be kept updated as required, including with a separate follow up session to assess lessons to be learned from the matter.

Action: Mr Swan

15. Mr Stephenson briefed the Board on the related communications strategy, which will include collaboration with all involved parties and engagement with both