

**CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE 558th BOARD MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2021, 11:30, AVIATION HOUSE & TEAMS**

Present:

Sir Stephen Hillier
Richard Moriarty
Rob Bishton
Garry Copeland
Katherine Corich
AVM Simon Edwards
Marykay Fuller
Jane Hanson
Anne Lambert
Manny Lewis
Paul Smith
Kate Staples
Chris Tingle

Chair

Apologies:

None

Secretary & General Counsel

In Attendance:

Ben Alcott
Jane Cosgrove
Peter Drissell
Tim Johnson
Alex Kaufman

Philip Clarke
Graeme Paterson

Secretariat

Julie Bryer	for item 5
Mukarram Chaudry	for item 5
Alex Hutchinson	for item 5
Louise Stone	for item 5
Rob Olney	for item 6
Mark Vincent	for item 6
Alison Naylor	for item 7
Mtinawa Banda	for item 8

I APOLOGIES AND INTRODUCTIONS

1. No apologies were received.

2. The Chair welcomed the Board to the meeting and advised that due to the renovation of Aviation House, Board meetings would likely take place at Westferry until early in the New Year, but Board members would be kept informed of location.

II CONFLICTS OF INTEREST, PREVIOUS MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

3. No conflicts of interest were declared.
4. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
5. It was advised that further information on the steps taken following receipt of whistleblowing reports had been included in the library pack.

III CHAIR'S REPORT (DOC 2021-84) BY SIR STEPHEN HILLIER

6. The Chair updated the Board on aviation-related discussions from COP26. There appeared to be a great deal of momentum and appetite for delivering sustainable solutions for the sector. There was also a recognition that the recovery of the sector would be linked to improvements in sustainability.
7. The appetite to develop sustainable technologies highlighted the need for the CAA to have a strong sustainability strategy of its own, and to have in place a regulatory system that enabled and encouraged innovation in this area, while ensuring safety standards were met.
8. It was also recognised that there would need to be international cooperation to ensure not only that innovation could occur but also to help ensure that emissions targets were reached. This could include more developed countries such as the UK assisting less-developed countries.
9. It was noted that ICAO would hold its next Assembly in September 2022 and it was expected that sustainability would be a central theme. In anticipation of this, the CAA would provide support and expertise on sustainability to DfT, other national aviation authorities and relevant stakeholders.

IV CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT (DOC 2021-85) BY RICHARD MORIARTY

10. *AAT Press Coverage* - The CEO updated the Board on press reports related to the Airfield Advisory Team (AAT). The Board was advised that the AAT's terms of reference were publicly available and that the roles for AAT staff had been advertised properly. It was also noted that a review of the AAT had recently been carried out by the DfT. This had involved obtaining feedback from aerodromes that had made use of the AAT, and this had been positive. The Board confirmed that it was content with the current arrangements and governance.
11. *Covid Recovery* - It was noted that there had been positive signs from industry regarding the recovery from the pandemic. The CAA was continuing to engage with stakeholders to ensure that risks related to safety, security and consumers were managed effectively.
12. It was also noted that sections of industry were experiencing difficulties in recruiting staff.
13. The CAA continued to work with the DfT over the longer-term involvement of the CAA in Covid UK border enforcement as the Government eases and changes travel restrictions.