

STANSTED AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

DRAFT STACC BUDGET 2016/2017

Report by the Chairman

Background

At the STACC Annual Meeting on June 24th last year, the Committee approved a set of Overall Financial Arrangements (OFA). The OFA are primarily intended to help provide greater transparency in the Committee's finances and to continue to develop as much independence as is practicable and reasonable from the airport management. Under the OFA, STACC rather than STAL has now become responsible for the management of its own annual budget - which is in effect a grant from STAL. The Budget comprises a number of base budget items and any provision necessary for implementing the Annual Work Programme. The Budget is to be reset each year at the Annual Meeting in June and no underspend is to be rolled forward. A STACC bank account has been opened with three cheque signatories – the Chairman, the Secretary and Technical Adviser and Mr Peter Odrich. Also in accordance with the Annual Meeting decision last year, the draft Budget proposal was to be considered first by CAG before being noted by STAL prior to its eventual consideration at each Annual Meeting.

CAG duly met on 13 June 2016 to consider the draft budget. In discussion, Members suggested a few clarifications and changes with regard to certain sub headings. Subject to these changes being made, CAG agreed to recommend to STACC that the proposed STACC Budget for 2016/2017 be approved.

Notes on expenditure in 2015/2016

1. As agreed by STAL, the overall Budget was increased by 2.5% from £44725 to £45843. This reflected the MAG salary increase to senior staff in August. There will be a similar review in August 2016. It should be noted that in the coming budget for 2016/2017 and in budgets thereafter, the budget uplift will apply only to the fees paid to the Chairman and Secretary and Technical Adviser and to the honoraria paid to the Sub Group Chairmen.

2. Expenditure on conferences and seminars was limited to the attendance of the Secretary at the Annual Meeting of UK Airport Consultative Committees held in June in Belfast. The Secretary also attended a number of aviation related events in London. (These events were at no cost through the use of his concessionary travel pass).

3. The cost of UEG members visiting Dublin Airport as part of its AWP benchmarking work was met from the UEG section of the AWP budget heading.

4. The Awayday, which was to have been held in the Spring, has been deferred until the Autumn 2016. This will require renewed provision in the Budget for 2016/17.

5. The costs of website maintenance were lower than estimated as the bulk of expenditure for the updating of the site had been met by STAL in 2014/15.

Proposed 2016/17 Budget

The attached draft Annual Budget sets out details for proposed STACC expenditure in 2016/17.

RECOMMENDATION - STACC is invited to approve the draft 2016/17 budget

Stewart Ashurst

STACC Chairman

June 2016