

## Air Council Meeting Tuesday 28 March 10.30 – 12.00

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### Note of Meeting

#### 1. Welcome and Housekeeping (see annex for conduct of meetings)

The Chair welcomed members and reminded all of Logistics UK's conduct of meetings.

#### 2. Introductions

All members and staff introduced themselves.

#### 3. Updates since last meeting and on Logistics UK's wider activities

Michelle Gardner, Deputy Director – Policy and Ellis Shelton, Policy Advisor updated members on recent policy and public affairs activities.

- a. Logistics UK's attendance at London Chamber of Commerce and Industry Aviation 'Green Skies' Programme and Research Report Roundtable
  - i. The 'Green Skies' report will be published in late May/early June. It will explore London's aviation landscape, its essential role in the flow of trade and investment to the UK, and showcase why it is so vital that aviation becomes sustainable.
- b. DfT's 'Night Flying Restrictions' consultation
  - i. Logistics UK will be submitting a response to the consultation, recognising that night flying and its limitations are a barrier to aviation growth. As such, no further restrictions on night flying should be imposed.
- c. DfT's Jet Zero Council
  - i. Logistics UK are enquiring about obtaining a seat on the Jet Zero Council. It is deemed there is a lack of representation for freight on the Council.
- d. Retained EU Law (REUL) Roundtable
  - i. Logistics UK's Director of Policy, Kate Jennings, attended the REUL Roundtable. The next stage of the bill is the 19<sup>th</sup> of April. Logistics UK will update the Council on relevant 'Sunset Clauses'.
- e. Low Carbon Fuels Parliamentary Roundtable
  - i. Logistics UK hosted a fuels roundtable chaired by Greg Smith MP. The government is due to publish a Low Carbon Fuels strategy later this year.

#### 4. Policy Position Statement

A lengthy discussion was had on the Policy Position Statement. Several changes have been suggested and a revised version will be shared with members of the Air Council.

## **5. Future of Flight**

Kate Jennings, Director of Policy at Logistics UK, updated members on their attendance at the first Future of Flight Industry Group (FFIG) roundtable.

Kate informed the Council that government plan to publish a Future of Flight Plan by the end of the year. The purpose of the FFIG is “to create a UK Future of Flight System benefitting the UK public and the UK industry, and enable UK industry to attract domestic and international financial and intellectual capital and to be successful in exporting goods and services to global markets.” Discussion at this first meeting focussed on the need to consider the market and potential to expedite plans including potential for trials.

Logistics UK have invited FoF leads to attend a future meeting of the Air Council and will share updates from the FFIG as and when they're available.

## **6. 2040 Zero Emissions Airport Target – Logistics UK's submission**

DfT are carrying out this call for evidence to gather further evidence on their approach to meet their ambition of airport operations in England to be zero emissions by 2040.

Logistics UK will be submitting a response to the consultation after receiving feedback from members of the Air Council.

DfT have offered a ad hoc online workshop for members of the Air Council that will also be submitting a response. Further details will be shared with the Air Council via email.

## **7. AOB**

Logistics UK will be hosting a 'Presidents Board' on the 16<sup>th</sup> of May.

Logistics UK will be welcoming two new members to the Policy team: Head of Carbon and Productivity and Head of Economics in May and June respectively.

## GUIDANCE FOR CONDUCT OF LOGISTICS UK MEETINGS INVOLVING MEMBERS

Logistics UK provides a broad range of valuable services for members and represents them on a range of issues. It is vital however that Logistics UK staff and members remember that certain meetings are composed of a group of competitors and therefore special care is required to ensure that there can never be any suggestion of any form of anti-competitive behaviour – business practices which prevent or reduce competition in the market. In order to protect Logistics UK and its members, there are therefore matters that should not be discussed and certain precautions that should be taken.

In particular, members must not discuss competitively sensitive information. **Competitively sensitive information covers any non-public strategic information about a business's commercial policy that could lead to a competitive advantage.** Competitively sensitive material includes (but is not limited to): individual company costs; individual company prices; sales volumes, revenues, volumes, capacity, utilisation, stock levels or supplies; confidential plans about the future; and, matters relating to individual suppliers or customers.

These following guidelines must be kept in mind when attending meetings involving members:

1. The Logistics UK and its members are committed to adhering to applicable competition laws in all their activities. It is the responsibility of each participating member of each meeting, to ensure that its activity in connection with the Logistics UK meeting complies with applicable competition laws.
2. A named member of Logistics UK staff shall be designated as the **Secretary** of a meeting and be responsible for adherence to these guidelines.
3. A written **Agenda** of meetings will be circulated in advance and be held on file by the Secretary.
4. Detailed and accurate **Minutes** will be circulated to all attendees, after the meeting and held on file by the Secretary. Those minutes will include an accurate list of all members present at the meeting.
5. Membership of Logistics UK, its Councils and Working Groups will be open to representatives of **all relevant organisations** active in the UK, as defined in the Articles of Association and By-Laws.
6. A complete **list of members' names and affiliations** of each Council and Working Group will be held on file by the Secretary, such information being extracted from the Logistics UK membership database.
7. Members will be **formally reminded**, by the **Secretary**, at the **start of every meeting** that they must not discuss competitively sensitive information.
8. There will be **no discussion of competitively sensitive information** (that is not publicly available) either in the formal meeting or otherwise outside of the meeting during breaks.
9. There will be **no coordination of commercially sensitive activity** through the Logistics UK meeting.
10. Should meetings depart from this guidance or if an exchange of competitively sensitive information appears to be taking place or be about to take place, the Secretary or the individual attendee noticing the breach, shall be responsible for notifying the Secretary. The Secretary should draw members' attention to this guidance and prevent further exchanges occurring. This shall be accurately minuted.
11. Any member of a meeting who believes that a meeting is departing from these guidelines should follow the steps in 10 above and be **entitled to leave** the meeting and have their comments and the time of departure minuted.
12. Where any activity of the Logistics UK may involve the passing of commercially / competitively sensitive information that is not publicly available, then such activity may only be carried out after **specific legal advice** has been taken to ensure that the activity is consistent with applicable competition laws.

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