

GENERAL AND BUSINESS AVIATION STRATEGIC FORUM

Thursday 5 September 2019 10:30-12:30
CAA Westferry House, 11 Westferry Circus, London

In attendance:

Roger Hopkinson (RH)	General Aviation Alliance, GAA (Chair)
Dan Micklethwaite (DM)	Director of Aviation, DfT
Fiona Hau (FH)	Head, General Aviation Strategy and Aviation Safety Policy, DfT
Richard Moriarty (RM)	Chief Executive, CAA
Mark Swan (MS)	Director Safety & Airspace Regulation, CAA
Jon Round (JR)	Head of Airspace, Aerodromes and ATM, CAA
Rachel Gardner-Poole (RGP)	Head of GA Unit, CAA
Laurence Baxter (LB)	GA Policy Officer, CAA (Secretary)

Apologies:

Martin Robinson (MR)	Aircraft Owners & Pilots Association, AOPA
Marc Bailey (MB)	British Business & General Aviation Association, BBGA

1. Introduction and apologies

The Chair noted that Martin Robinson and Marc Bailey gave their unavoidable apologies. He will brief them separately on the outcome of this meeting.

The Chair welcomed Fiona Hau to the meeting in her capacity as DfT Head of General Aviation Strategy.

2. Minutes from the last meeting

[Paper 2: Minutes of 9 May meeting]

The minutes from the last meeting held on 9 May 2019 were adopted with no amendments. LB is authorised to publish them on the CAA website.

3. Review of actions and matters arising

[Paper 3: Actions Log 2019]

Action 93: *Discuss establishing expert groups on GA skills and technology/drones*: It was suggested that this item be closed, however as MB is a key participant in this process, the Forum decided to defer this item to the next Forum meeting.

Action: MB to consider closing this action item in the next meeting

Action 94: *MA to investigate and report back on a mechanism to adopt new EASA regulations post-Brexit*: it was decided in the light of current political developments to defer this item to the next meeting. However, the issue about the future validity of Light Aircraft Pilot Licence (LAPL) was raised, and a new action item tabled for RGP to investigate and report back at the next Forum meeting.

Action 108: RGP to report on the likely post-Brexit status of the UK LAPL

Action 95: *MR/RH/MA to liaise with Home Office regarding technology of GAR submissions*: The Chair reported that a second meeting was arranged for September and work is under way in transitioning to Web based systems and the Channel Islands, Isle of Man and Ireland notification period is in discussion. **Item closed.**

Action 101: *To explore the possibility of organising an Aviation Strategy Roundtable involving the Minister*: Other activity related to the White Paper has affected the timetable. A round table involving the Secretary of State is currently being planned. **Item closed.**

Action 102: *Aerodrome network theme: to pick up discussion and review*: Separate discussions under way, and FH to cover this in the next Forum meeting.

Action 104: *To ensure that the Aviation Strategy White Paper reflects the GBASF's current oversight function as set out in Terms of Reference:* GA Alliance responded to the Green Paper and in particular the context of GBASF reporting to the Minister, to ensure matter is registered. **Item closed.**

Action 105: *JR to ask Stu Wain to write to RH with comments on the GA Alliance position paper:* CAA responded directly to GA Alliance position paper. **Item closed.**

Action 106: *DfT to circulate GA Champion job description:* this job description was circulated to the Forum on 22 Aug. **Item closed.**

Action 107: *Chair/DfT to undertake further discussion with aero modeller community regarding small unmanned aircraft registration plans.* A meeting involving the Chair, FH and the relevant DfT lead has been set up to take place directly after this Forum meeting. **Item closed.**

4. Airspace

[Paper 4: Airspace Update]

a) Electronic Conspicuity:

- CAA published on 15 Aug [CAP1837](#) summarising responses to the CAP1776 call for evidence as well as the *Share the Air* conference, and setting out future plans.
- There is an intention to conduct a Proof of Concept Trial involving a broad spectrum of users including GA, Beyond Visual Line-of-Sight drones, and the military. The CAA is aiming to undertake this trial as soon as possible but must reconcile the availability Class E airspace with better GA flying conditions eg Autumn or Spring.

b) GNSS Approaches:

- Currently there are 13 aerodromes making progress: 5 with ACP in progress, 3 in which safety framework has not been agreed and have been returned for further consideration; 2 in which the safety framework is in progress, and 3 which the CAA are awaiting the CAP1122 questionnaire.
- These applicants are being invited to a meeting in the next two weeks to share lessons learned and update progress.
- Helios has been commissioned to investigate options to accelerate deployment (costs, governance, timelines). Their initial findings report is imminent.

c) Infringements:

- "Top-tip" card to be inserted into licence packs. Draft nearing completion and associations wishing to endorse card with logos. Proposed "Meet ATC Day" April 2020 (week prior to Duxford Safety Day) comprising visits to ATC facilities, briefings at minor aerodromes and short videos.

d) Airspace Modernisation Strategy:

- Meeting with Secretary of State upcoming and Chair has been asked to attend in his capacity of GA Alliance. The Chair was asked to identify for the Forum the top 3-5 GA priority areas for the Strategy.

Action Item 109: Chair to identify and circulate the top 3-5 GA priorities for the AMS.

5. DfT Update

a) **Brexit:** given the fluidity of the political situation, there was no policy update in this area.

b) **Organisational changes re General Aviation:** FH briefed on new established General Aviation Policy and Delivery Unit within DfT encompassing skills, policy development, strategy, implementation and delivery. FH is presenting to General Aviation Partnership on 5 Nov, and is making a more detailed presentation at the next Forum meeting.

Action Item 110: FH to give detailed presentation on DfT activities/organisation in October meeting

The Forum discussed possibilities of seconding especially policy development staff into CAA, particularly GAU. FH and RGP to discuss further.

Action Item 111: FH and RGP to discuss DfT secondments into the CAA GAU

6. GA Unit Update

RGP provided an overview of the GA Programme recent achievements including:

- extension of the UK Instrument Meteorological Conditions Rating as the Instrument Rating (Reduced) until April 2021;
- delegation of National Private Pilot Licence issuance to the British Microlight Aircraft Association;
- delegation of the continuing airworthiness oversight of Yak/Nanchang aircraft to the Light Aircraft Association;
- Skyway Code Version 2 published in June;
- simplified rules of EASA sailplane guidance published in July

She also covered activities which are upcoming in the next few months:

- removing the requirement for 2-seat microlight aircraft to possess a noise certificate;
- extending permission to allow ex-military Permit-to-Fly aircraft to overfly settlements;
- Gyroplane Commercial Pilot Licence allowing this aircraft category to be used commercially in the UK;
- continuing airworthiness management roadshows to provide GA-specific training to organisations; and
- progress on remunerated (ab initio) training in Permit-to-Fly aircraft.

There was some discussion about applying the Safety Standards Acknowledgment & Consent model to this latter category.

7. GBASF meeting with CAA Board/Straegy Grid Review

[Paper 5: GBASF Strategy Grid]

The Forum reviewed the GBASF Strategy Grid (attached) and also a slide presentation being prepared for the CAA Board.

8. Aviation Services update

This was not held due to MB's apologies.

9. Any Other Business

None.

Upcoming meetings

Wednesday 18 September 10.30-11.30 *Annual GBASF Meeting with CAA Board*, CAA Westferry House, London

Thursday 24 October 10.30-12.30 DfT, Great Minster House, Horseferry Road, London; with CAA Westferry House as a back-up

Wednesday 20 November 2020 *CAA Board Away Day/Meeting with GBASF*, Turweston Aerodrome [details TBC]

Tuesday 4 February 2020 10.30-12.30 CAA Aviation House, Gatwick

Tuesday 21 April 2020 10.30-12.30 CAA Westferry House, London

Tuesday 7 July 2020 10.30-12.30 CAA Westferry House, London

Tuesday 6 October 2020 10.30-12.30 CAA Westferry House, London