

North Yorkshire County Council**Transport, Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee****31 October 2017****Reports of the NYCC representatives on the Airport Consultative Committees****1. Purpose of Report**

To consider the reports of the North Yorkshire County Council representatives on the Airport Consultative Committees of Durham Tees Valley Airport, Leeds Bradford Airport and Robin Hood Airport.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Transport, Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee receives an annual report from the County Council's representatives on the Airport Consultative Committees of Durham Tees Valley Airport, Leeds Bradford Airport and Robin Hood Airport.
- 2.2 The NYCC representatives are as follows:
- Durham Tees Valley Airport - County Councillor David Jeffels
 - Leeds and Bradford Airport - County Councillor Cliff Trotter
 - Robin Hood Airport - County Councillor Chris Pearson
- 2.3 Attached at Annex 1 is a written report from County Councillor David Jeffels. He will also be present at the meeting to respond to questions. County Councillor Chris Pearson and County Councillor Cliff Trotter will be providing verbal reports at the meeting and will respond to questions.

3. Recommendations

The Committee is recommended to note the information in the reports of the NYCC representatives on the Airport Consultative Committees of Durham Tees Valley Airport, Leeds Bradford Airport and Robin Hood Airport.

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Background documents: None

Annexes: Annex 1: Report of the NYCC representative on the Durham Tees Valley Airport Consultative Committee

**Durham Tees Valley Airport Consultative Committee
County Councillor David Jeffels**

While the airport, which is on the North Yorkshire County boundary, has had a seven per cent reduction in passenger numbers in the past year, there are now encouraging signs that aircraft traffic is going to be on the increase.

Scottish-based Logan Air is starting a service operating between Aberdeen, Durham Tees Valley Airport (DTVA) and Norwich, mainly due to the development of the big wind farm at Dogger Bank, about 100 miles of the Yorkshire coast and Whitby. That has resulted in Eastern Airlines dropping its prices and introducing better aircraft and it is hoped that this may trigger other small airlines to use DTVA. KLM the Dutch airline which provides a shuttle service between DTVA and Schipol (Amsterdam) is changing its marketing strategy and now has a regional sales manager, Emma Rogers, who it is hoped will boost business.

At its last meeting the Consultative Committee was told that there could be interest in a representative of an airline and retailers being members of the Committee, which already has an ABTA rep.

A new concourse has been developed at the Airport where among activities it is providing is IT Training.

The airport owner, Peel, is expected to spend £750,000 on new X ray equipment and the company's total investment in improvements to the airport could total £1.8 m. Both the development of the concourse and the security investment are seen as very positive steps forward to safeguard the future of the airport. In addition it is planned to open a small duty free retail unit at the airport.

A housing development of about 350 homes on airport land, but which is surplus to airport activity requirements, has been giving outline approval and the proceeds from the land sale will no doubt be used to enhance facilities at DTVA.

Logan Air has now announced that it will sponsor the "Away" game shirts of Middlesbrough FC and is also linking an advertising campaign with the Football League club.

In conclusion it is vital that the airport is sustainable because it has the potential to benefit North Yorkshire's economy especially as it is so accessible to many people in the county. (I can travel to the Airport for meetings in less time that travelling from Scarborough to Leeds-Bradford Airport). The Consultative Committee is in a position to encourage and support future plans for the Airport.

If any Member of the Transport, Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee has any queries please let me know.

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