

Minute of the meeting of the provisional Taskforce for the review of EANAB on 27 July 2020

1. The meeting was held remotely. Those in attendance as members were Lindsay Cole, the Chair of EANAB as Taskforce Convenor, Robert Carr, EACC Chair and Janice Hogarth, as Secretary to the EACC and to the Taskforce, with Gordon Robertson and Anna Light from EAL in attendance as observers.

2. Lindsay Cole reported that from the nominations he had received he had selected Councillor Kevin Lang as the additional Taskforce member from the EACC and Ray Godfree from EANAB. The others who had put themselves forward would be thanked for volunteering. Lindsay Cole would communicate with those selected.

3. Lindsay Cole and Gordon Robertson reported on a meeting conducted remotely earlier that day which they had attended along with Anna Light and with certain representatives of EANAB. It was reported that the above members of EANAB present had made the following representations:

Whilst EANAB broadly supports a review, those at the meeting aired a number of concerns of the proposed approach, structure and EANAB's input. Their concerns could be bracketed into four themes. Those themes as reported to the provisional Taskforce and the response in italics could be summarised as follows:

First, the review is being done to EANAB – the EANAB representatives feel EANAB hasn't had the chance to participate in the creation of the review or its governance

- *Gordon Robertson observed that the scope was not yet created and EANAB's Chair plus another EANAB representative would be on the Taskforce doing just that. Gordon Robertson accepted that there could have been more communication on this in addition to the discussion at the June EANAB meeting*

Second, fear of bias to Edinburgh Airport in the review

- *This was raised, but no detail could be given on how any bias may manifest itself, beyond a feeling of cynicism of EAL's motives. Again, it was agreed that a transparent approach, even structure and governance along with regular dissemination of minutes would assist in dealing with this*

Third, concern that the review won't address reducing noise in the community

- *A good point as a lot of the discussion had been on process – the meeting agreed this could be resolved clearly in the scope of the review which is yet to be developed.*

Fourth, who would make the decisions/accepts the recommendations at the end of the process?

- *Gordon Robertson had reassured the EANAB representatives that this would be done collaboratively and not arbitrarily imposed.*

Lindsay Cole, Gordon Robertson and Anna Light all reported that the discussion was positive and focussed on getting to a position where the review could move on.

They reported that it had been agreed that once the scope was finalised, it would be useful to have the Taskforce present that to EANAB. Lindsay Cole would facilitate.

Gordon Robertson reported that he had agreed to share a report of the meeting to EANAB members.

4. There being no further matters the next Taskforce meeting was to be arranged for 3 or 4 August. (Now arranged for 4 August)