



Agenda Item: 6	Reference: HACC.392
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The Future of Air Transport - the Committee's consideration of the White Paper.	

Report by the Technical Adviser

1. Members of the Committee were invited to join those of the General Purposes Sub-Committee at a meeting held on 16 January to give preliminary consideration to the Government's policies and plans for the future development of air transport, largely oriented to the operation and development of airports, the acquisition and safeguarding of land required for airport expansion and a number of the environmental concerns and actions arising from these plans.
2. All Members of the HACC had circulated to them a copy of :-
  - (a) the Department's Summary of the "Future of Air Transport" (as Annexure A)
  - (b) A "Summary of Measures" which dealt with many of the environmental references in the White Paper (as Annexure B)and you are requested to bring these with you for consideration of this agenda.
3. Additional documents which are forwarded with this report are :-
  - (c) The Volterra Report: "BAA tells Treasury that aviation is Britain's most heavily taxed form of public transport" Annexure C
  - (d) Note of the discussion at the General Purposes Sub-Committee meeting held on 16 January 2004 Annexure D
4. When this item is discussed on 28 January, the newly appointed Head of the Airport Policy Division of the Department together with his deputy, Anthony Ferguson, will be present to assist the Committee's consideration of the White Paper.
5. A number of related documents were produced at around the time of publication of the White Paper which are which are either dealt with elsewhere on the meeting agenda or, because of their length and technical nature, will be dealt with by one of our sub-committees.
6. These include :-
  - Guidelines for Airport Consultative Committees ( a revised version)
  - The Government's Response to the Transport Committee's Report on Aviation
  - Control of noise from civil aircraft - the Government's conclusions
  - The Government's Response to the Environmental Audit Committee's Report on Budget 2003 and Aviation
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