**Newcastle Airport Consultative Committee: Quarterly Meeting**

**1st December 2020**

The meeting was held on Zoom and 13 members of the Committee and staff were present. There was one apology recorded.

The Chair welcomed members and introduced a new member as a consumer representative. She also announced the resignation of the member for Woolsington, due to pressure of (voluntary) work.

1. Elections, delayed from the last meeting, were held and the Chair, Vice-chair were re-elected. The Airport Company was asked to continue to provides the Secretariat.

2. The minutes of the last meeting were accepted and there were no matters carried forward.

3. The Company Report made sombre reading and passenger movements from May onwards were down to between 1% and high teens in August/September and back down to 3% in the most recent lockdown. The airfield remains open however to handle military, medical and emergency flights. The Airport remains in a strong financial position and is able to look forward to increasing passenger movements when demand for travel recovers. Sadly the Airport and its onsite business partners have been forced to release staff in order to stay operating with greatly reduced turnover. During the period internal communications with staff at home have been most important.

Throughout the period the Airport has been lobbying Government for support for the industry and progress on travel corridors. The regionalised approach to rules and financial support available in January, are most welcome.

A new pre-departure COVID 19 testing facility has now opened on site in the Meet and Greet Building. The charge is £99 and the results are available within 2 days.

The Airport continues to look for opportunities to increase the freight business.

4. The Committee asked that best wishes to all members of staff be conveyed on behalf of the Committee and this was readily agreed.

5. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 2nd March 2021 at 10.00am. The location and format will be confirmed nearer the time.