

**Report to:** Transport Committee

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Subject: Aviation Update

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Is this a key decision?	□ Yes	🛛 No
Is the decision eligible for call-in by Scrutiny?	□ Yes	🛛 No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information or appendices?	□ Yes	⊠ No
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### 1. Purpose of this report

1.1 To introduce a presentation from Hywel Rees from Leeds Bradford Airport (LBA) providing an update from the National Aviation Group and working with industry partners

### 2. Information

- 2.1 Hywel Rees, Chief Executive LBA, will be attending Transport Committee to introduce the work LBA are engaged with as part of National Aviation Group.
- 2.2 The Chair of Transport Committee visited LBA in February 2020 and has invited the Chief Executive to provide an industry update to the Transport Committee.
- 2.3 LBA is the region's largest airport and facilitates air travel for 4 million airport passengers a year with ambitions to grow passenger numbers further.
- 2.4 The aviation industry is looking to innovate in order to reduce carbon emissions. Hywel Rees will be presenting the work of the industry with a focus on how airport operations can be improved to mitigate their carbon impact.

2.4 In February 2020 a report was taken to the Combined Authority seeking approval for funding to develop the final business case for the Leeds Bradford Airport Parkway scheme, more detail of which can be found in Item 13.

## 3. Clean Growth Implications

- 3.1 Emerging work on carbon pathways, discussed in Item 6, shows aviation to have a relatively small contribution to the overall transport emissions across North and West Yorkshire. Aviation emissions (combining domestic and international flights) currently total 0.5Mt CO<sub>2</sub>. Nevertheless, it is important that Government produces a national strategy on carbon reduction from aviation.
- 3.2 To counteract the carbon impact of the aviation industry innovations are being investigated to reduce emissions.

# 4. Financial Implications

4.1 There are no financial implications directly arising from this report.

## 5. Legal Implications

5.1 There are no legal implications directly arising from this report.

## 6. Staffing Implications

6.1 There are no staffing implications directly arising from this report.

### 7. External Consultees

7.1 No external consultations have been undertaken.

### 8. Recommendations

8.1 That the Committee thanks Hywel Rees for his presentation

# 9. Background Documents

None.

# 10. Appendices

None.