

ICCAN Board Meeting

ICCAN Political Engagement Plan 2020	
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Item No:	Item No 5
DECISION/APPROVAL – NO	
SEEKING STEER – YES	
UPDATE/FOR INFORMATION -NO	
Security Classification and Handling Instructions:	
N/A	
Purpose of paper / slides:	
To update the Board on our plans for political and local government engagement for the coming year.	
Outcome sought:	
To obtain Board’s approval to proceed with activity as outlined.	
Timetable:	
Activity to be undertaken during 2020.	
Budget/Resource Implications:	
N/A	

Rationale

1. With the new Government now in place, we are planning political and parliamentary engagement in 2020 to raise ICCAN's profile among key influencers and policymakers.
2. In 2019, we contacted all MPs when we published our Corporate Strategy; separately we corresponded with around seven Ministers and MPs, and Rob met with a further ten MPs with a keen interest in aviation noise.
3. This year, we are planning a broader, more proactive programme of activity to promote ICCAN's work programme across all political parties, as we publish further pieces of work, including our toolkit on consulting for airspace change under CAP1616 and an opinion on noise metrics and measurement.
4. Our plan will be to engage with all MPs, key Parliamentarians with an interest and members of local government, and our activity will include:

MPs

- January: Emailing 260 MPs with airports close to their constituency from Rob with his New Year message introducing ICCAN and inviting them to meet with him.
- Ongoing: Emailing MPs as their local airport announces the start of their airspace change consultations to flag that they are taking place.
- April / May: Writing a letter to all other MPs from Rob introducing ICCAN and setting out our plans, sharing our refreshed Corporate Strategy, our new publications, and including an offer to meet.
- Spring / Summer: Rob/other commissioners to meet individual MPs who express an interest. Identify one or two MPs who are willing to host a Parliamentary event and work with them to plan it and help to issue invite/host.
- Summer / Early Autumn: Holding a drop-in session with MPs and Parliamentarians in the Houses of Parliament. This will be hosted by an MP and could include specific time slots for MPs to come and discuss airports in different areas such as London, the regions and devolved nations.

Parliamentary Groups / wider Parliamentarians

- Feb / March: Contacting chairs of relevant APPGs and Select Committees when they are appointed to introduce ICCAN and offer a meeting.
- April / May: Sending relevant APPGs and chairs of Transport Select Committee copies of our airspace change consultation toolkit and opinion on noise metrics.
- Summer: Targeting peers with an interest in aviation with a letter on ICCAN, copies of our publications and an invitation to meet.

Local / Regional / Devolved Government

- Jan / Feb: Mapping Local authorities and identify key regions for engagement. This will also feed into our wider engagement project (including Scottish and Welsh Government).
- March / April: Contacting key local / regional authorities outlining our work and inviting them to attend the fringe session at the LGA. (E.g. Birmingham / Manchester) Also ask them to provide their feedback on airport engagement etc.
- June / July: Hosting an ICCAN fringe session at the Local Government Association (LGA) Annual Conference on 30 June or 1 July in Harrogate. We have made an application to the LGA and are awaiting confirmation. We will then approach panel members. The session will be chaired by Rob and will discuss who should decide on airports' future growth plans.
- Oct: Applying to host an ICCAN fringe session or similar event at the COSLA Annual Conference on 8 to 9 October in Edinburgh.

Recommendation

5. That the Board approves our planned political engagement for 2020, taking into consideration any further recommendations or suggestions.