

Aviation Recovery Taskforce Meeting
Friday 3rd July @ 3 pm – 5pm (via Starleaf Remote VC)
Record of Meeting

1. Introductory Remarks by Chairman

The Chairman advised the Taskforce that he had spoken with Minister Ryan, who had made it clear that he fully understood the importance of air connectivity to the long-term success of the Irish economy. The Chairman also advised that the Minister had indicated a desire to meet with the Taskforce once he had received the final report.

2. Record of meeting of 26 June agreed and approved for publication.

3. Roundtable discussion of draft final report.

The Taskforce was invited to discuss a draft final report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

There followed a number of contributions, which included proposed text amendments and substantive points of policy:

- Report should make it clear that the industry is available to continue to advise and support the Minister and the Government on matters related to aviation recovery.
- Should be made explicitly clear that the national code on safe air travel is aligned with protocols and best practices developed at EU level by EASA/ECDC and that the code must be updated to reflect latest developments when they emerge.
- Taskforce heard that it is impossible to view the value of Aviation to Ireland without adding on the benefit of Inbound Tourism, as for Ireland this is almost entirely reliant on widespread and affordable air access. Ireland's dependence on air transport is much greater than most other EU States.

- Regarding the key proposal for route supports, it is important that the supports are equally available to all airports and have equivalence. No airport should be advantaged over another. Stimulus is critical for the regions.
- Any supports provided to airlines for routes needed to be performance based, targeted and time bound.
- The Report should call for transparency around the criteria used to form the Green List and for openness in the process.
- In terms of long term policy development, a new national aviation policy should be developed, and there should be broad stakeholder engagement in that process.

4. Next Steps

It was agreed to finalise a report over the weekend with a view to agreeing a final version early next week, which would then be submitted to the Minister for consideration.