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Present: Mr Colin Flack – Chairman

In attendance from Birmingham Airport:

Nick Barton	-	Chief Executive
Kirstin McCarthy	-	Head of Sustainability
Nikki Bains	-	Head of Planning, Transport and Strategy
Andy Holding	-	Corporate Responsibility Manager

In attendance from Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council:

Mr L Stevenson	-	Representing the ACC Secretariat
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Committee Attendance – Not Recorded

**1. VIRTUAL BRIEFING – COVID-19 AIRPORT UPDATE**

In light of the continued current circumstances and implications for the normal function of the Committee, the Airport Company facilitated a second virtual briefing to appraise Members on the ongoing impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on Birmingham Airport.

The Committee noted the contents of the update given by Nick Barton who also answered a number of supplementary questions. Key points of information covered:

- Airfield operations and passenger movements.
- Air travel restrictions.
- Airport Company workforce.
- Public confidence in air travel.
- Financial impact.

In considering the above, the Chairman highlighted the apparent lack of current engagement by the Department for Transport with airport companies. It was agreed that the Committee should write to the Secretary of State for Transport; the Government Minister for Aviation; and regional MP's to lobby for urgent support for the UK airport industry.

In addition to the above, Nikki Bains and Kirstin McCarthy gave updates to the Committee on Planning & Transport and Sustainability matters respectively.

In concluding the briefing, the Airport Company also invited Members who may have any future questions to contact Kirstin McCarthy directly.

**RESOLVED**

- (i) That the contents of the second virtual briefing given by the Airport Company be noted; and

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- (ii) That the Committee write to the Secretary of State for Transport; the Government Minister for Aviation; and regional MP's to seek urgent support for the UK airport industry.