

Appendix 1

The Airports Commission

A panel of six experts will take forward vital work to examine how the UK's status as a leading global aviation hub can be maintained.

Commission Work Programme

- The Commission should report no later than summer 2015 on:
 - o its assessment of the options for meeting the UK's international connectivity needs, including their economic, social and environmental impact;
 - o its recommendation(s) for the optimum approach to meeting any needs; and
 - o its recommendation(s) for ensuring that the need is met as expeditiously as practicable within the required timescale
- The Commission should base the recommendations in its final report on a detailed consideration of the case for each of the credible options. This should include the development or examination of detailed business cases and environmental assessments for each option, as well as consideration of their operational, commercial and technical viability.
- As part of its final report in summer 2015, it should also provide materials, based on this detailed analysis, which will support the Government in preparing a National Policy Statement to accelerate the resolution of any future planning applications for major airports infrastructure.

Full Terms of Reference for the Airports Commission can be found at:-

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/membership-and-terms-of-reference-of-the-airports-commission>