

APPLICATION FOR VICE CHAIR
SOUTHAMPTON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

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I first became a member of the Committee in 2015, then being the representative for West End Parish Council. In 2019, then a Borough Councillor I was appointed Vice Chair to the Committee and have been such since then. Currently I also chair the Accessibility Forum of this committee.

My experience of vice/chairing, chairing meetings is not limited to this committee but other appointments include the following:-

Currently chair to EBC Licensing Committee. Vice Chair to Hedge End West End and Botley Local Area Committee. I have chaired a number of EBC Licensing Panels.

As a West End Parish Councillor, since 2011, I have been vice chair 3 times and chair 3 times. In addition I have chaired both Planning, and Policy and Resources Committees of the Parish.

I believe a good chair/vice chair should possess, among others, at least the following qualities, leadership skills, experience of committee work, tact and diplomacy, good 'people' skills, enthusiasm, good listener, impartiality and the ability to respect confidences. Together with my past work background as a Legal Executive, my experience as outlined above, has I think, given me a sound grounding in these qualities.

Although I would in no way hold myself as being an expert on every subject the Southampton ACC discusses I take every opportunity to gain more knowledge, by seeking advice from others, attending the Airport's Technical Working Group and such briefings and seminars as are available in respect of such matters as 'Noise' and 'Airspace Change Proposal'. In addition I have been able to attend, on line, for the past two years the Annual General Meeting of UK Airport Consultative Committees.

Close liaison with the Airport, at all times, is essential and I consider I have a good working relationship with the members of the Airport with whom I am in contact.

When chairing a meeting of the Committee it is essential to bear in mind that the ACC is a forum that provides an opportunity for the exchange of information between airport and interested parties. They make recommendations to the airport management and other bodies when appropriate as well as being a place where there is an opportunity to reach common understanding between interested groups about the nature of the airport operation in the hope that issues can be resolved amicably. The Chair should help ensure that meetings are conducted in an efficient and appropriate manner that encourages contributions from all committee members.

A Vice Chair should be someone a Chair can trust as a sounding board to give them support, giving informal feedback, honest advice and a fresh perspective. A Chair cannot always read everything that's going on, and an extra pair of eyes and ears can be a real help.