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Edinburgh Airport is sponsoring Hillwood, Gylemuir, Cramond, Ratho, Kirkhill, Kirkliston, Pumpherston, Winchburgh, East Craigs and Broxburn Primary Schools to receive a science outreach workshop as part of Generation Science. Generation Science takes innovative and engaging workshops to children all around Scotland. The pupils take part in a valuable educational activity which enthuses them and motivates them about science, a topic which many young children often find difficult to engage with. Turn to the back page to find out who else has received community funding this quarter.

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LATEST AIRPORT NEWS...

EUROPEAN TOP FIVE FOR CUSTOMER SERVICE

The Airports Council International has named Edinburgh Airport one of Europe's leading airports in its Airport Service Quality Awards for 2010. We were named with Malta, Porto, Zurich and Copenhagen as the top five airports for customer service and facilities in Europe (out of 209 airports worldwide).

AIR PASSENGER DUTY

A report, commissioned by Edinburgh, Glasgow and Aberdeen airports, has examined the impact of the latest increase in Air Passenger Duty (APD) in November 2010. The stark findings of this report suggest that the latest tax rise will cost the Scottish economy up to £77 million in lost tourism spend and jeopardise ambitions to grow Scotland's international route network.

We will be raising our concerns with Ministers at Westminster and Holyrood so that the unintended consequences of any future tax rise can be stopped or mitigated, perhaps via the reinstatement of a route development fund. The report itself has generated a lot of coverage and debate and we intend to maintain our pressure on the Government on this issue.

COMPETITION COMMISSION

The recent decision by the Supreme Court to not allow BAA's further appeal is disappointing, but it does not mean that airport sales will take place immediately. We are continuing to talk to the Competition Commission and consider our options before deciding upon our next steps.

NEW SERVICES FROM EDINBURGH

- Our new Edinburgh to Tallinn service with Ryanair started in January. We are the only Scottish airport to fly to Tallinn – the 2011 European City of Culture.
- easyJet has added a fifth aircraft based at Edinburgh Airport – the Airbus A320 as well as announcing three new services: Grenoble, Tenerife and Athens. These services will start in September 2011.
- Thomson has announced a new service to Rhodes to start in the summer, followed by two new services to the Canary Islands – Gran Canaria and Lanzarote.



We've been doing a lot of talking in the communities surrounding Edinburgh Airport in the first few months of 2011. It's been part of our consultation on our masterplan, the document that describes how we think the airport will develop and grow over the next 30 years.

The masterplan shows Edinburgh Airport, as Scotland's busiest, playing a crucial role in the growth and prosperity of Edinburgh, the Lothians and Scotland as a whole.

Until the end of April, we will be consulting on this masterplan as widely as possible, gathering opinion and comment from people, communities and organisations across the country on how our vision fits with their aspirations and plans.

We believe that we will find a close fit. Ours is a sustainable and responsible plan, grounded in the reality of our post recession economy and keen to capitalise on the opportunities that will arise when our economy begins to grow again.

It is important for us therefore to test our plans and provide clarity, certainty and understanding to local communities, local authorities and wider business and tourism interests whose futures depend

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The consultation will be underpinned by a number of events and briefings in the communities around the airport and beyond.

So please take part in this 2011 Edinburgh Airport masterplan consultation and let us know if you share our vision and if not, how we can improve our thinking.



Kevin Brown
Managing Director

Climate Change Week is a national occasion that helps to renew the UK's ambition and confidence to combat climate change. From charities to councils and schools to businesses, everyone is working hard to reduce their contribution to climate change.

We're no different, and take our commitment to reducing our impact very seriously. Here is how we're working in partnership with our customers to combat climate change.

ENERGY SAVING

We saved 14% of our energy usage in 2010 by better managing our energy consumption, turning down heating and air conditioning, turning off lights and replacing lighting with more energy efficient lights. We are currently the most efficient airport in terms of electricity per passenger in the BAA group.

We've set very ambitious targets to reduce our energy consumption, and are confident we can achieve them by introducing more saving measures,

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investing in energy efficient technologies and investigating renewable energy options.

CARBON FOOTPRINTING

Our carbon footprint includes emissions from aircraft in the landing and take off cycle as well as emissions from passengers arriving to and from the airport. This gives us a realistic view of our impact on climate change and allows us to identify areas where we can work with the airlines and transport organisations to reduce our footprint.

We've developed a Carbon Emissions Plan which identifies actions we can

take to reduce emissions and progress against these actions will be tracked throughout the year.

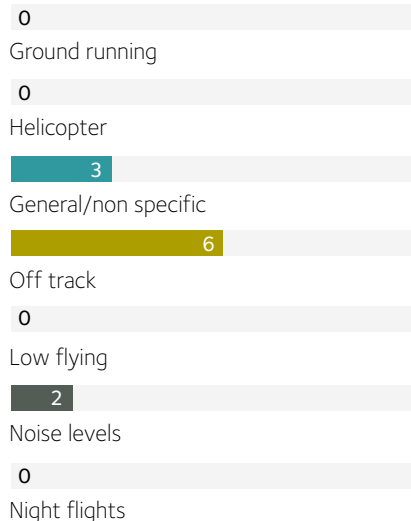
LEADERSHIP

As Edinburgh Airport has demonstrated its leadership on climate change, we have been invited to join the 2020 Climate Group; initiated by Ian Marchant, Chief Executive of Scottish and Southern Energy, with support from the Scottish Government to ensure that all sectors of Scotland's economy and civic society contribute fully to achieving Scotland's ambitious climate change targets.

Noise update: October to December 2010

We're committed to publishing our noise data each quarter.

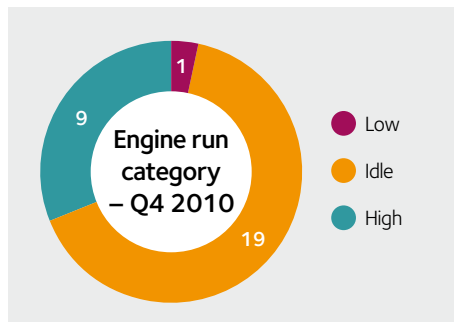
Noise enquiries – Q4 2010



Here we show the number of enquiries we've received on our noise phone line between October and December 2010 and the reasons for these enquiries. If you have a concern regarding noise please phone our noise line on 0800 731 3397 (freephone 24/7).

All callers will be asked to leave their name and contact details, along with details of the

date and time of any disturbance. All calls are recorded and complaints investigated. The airport aims to contact each individual caller within two working days. Callers will be provided with either an answer to their enquiry or will be told how long they can expect to wait for a full response.



This graph shows the number of engine runs that occurred between October and December 2010. Engine running is an essential part of airport operations. We need to test engines for safety reasons and engine runs form part of the maintenance programme for aircraft.

We understand that this noise can cause disturbance to local residents and therefore adopt certain measures to reduce the impact on the community. We do not allow engine testing during the night unless required due to exceptional circumstances.

Airport achieves 'very good' green rating for masterplan

Edinburgh Airport has had its masterplan assessed as part of the Building Research Establishment's GreenPrint scheme.

The GreenPrint methodology provides an assessment on how well a new development has been designed in terms of sustainability. The GreenPrint framework covers eight key areas which impact on sustainability: climate change, resources, transport, ecology, business, community, placemaking and buildings.

The GreenPrint assessment has helped the airport to prioritise those sustainability issues that are most important and develop ways to improve the environmental benefits of the site. So far the airport has achieved the 'very good' status but we hope to reach 'excellent' once the process is complete.



Work experience the airport way

Three S4 students were lucky enough to have a work placement at Edinburgh Airport in February. They were taken onto the runway, spent time with the Airport Fire Service, learnt about health and safety and were given an insight into marketing. Shown in the picture are the students learning how to design a new airport with the Development Team.



Quarter 1 Community support

As a major local employer and a company that has a considerable impact on the local environment, Edinburgh Airport has a responsibility to the local communities to mitigate the negative impacts of living near the airport.

We aim to be at the heart of our local community. Where possible, we seek to involve our neighbours and in particular local children in the airport. Through greater participation in our community, we will develop better understanding of our work and the impacts it has on our local community.

It is for these two reasons that we have a community fund which we use to invest in local community projects based on the following criteria:

- **Education:** engaging with schools, assisting in educational opportunities and improving local employment skills.
- **Environment:** recognising our impact, taking steps to minimise impact whilst helping improve our local and wider environment.
- **Sport:** linking in with the Government's health agenda to encourage physical activity, especially amongst young people.

The Community Board meets quarterly and allocates the funding from applications received. The Board met in February and allocated the following projects funding for quarter one.

- **Greenferry Trust** – funds awarded to help publish their community newsletter detailing the events they run to help the environment.



- **Lothian and Borders Police** – funds awarded to help deliver their Playsafe initiative to educate children about safety and the emergency services.
- **Hutchison Vale Community Sports Football Club** – funds awarded to repair their facilities which form an important hub in the local community.
- **Bathgate Athletic Amateur Football Club** – funds awarded to purchase new kit.
- **Dunedin Canmore Housing Association** – funds awarded to provide young people who are not in education or employment with the chance to improve their employment prospects through community-based environmental projects.

Want to apply for funding?

To apply for funding or to find out more about our community fund, download the application form on our website edinburghairport.com/community.

Follow us on Twitter @EDI_Airport | Text your feedback to 80800, start your message with EDIFEDBACK

Encouraging children to learn about the environment

Local environmental charity, the Edinburgh and Lothians Greenspace Trust, has teamed up with Edinburgh Airport to produce an interactive education resource designed to get kids out into their local green space or playground and learn about the importance of good biodiversity.

The initiative is part of the Trust's mission to make the Lothians greener, happier and healthier for people and wildlife, by improving the local environment and getting people of all ages involved in positive outdoor activities.

