

THE FUTURE OF AIR TRANSPORT

KEY FACTS - Wales

Wales is served by one main commercial airport, Cardiff International, which is owned by TBI Plc (although Swansea airport does now offer services to Dublin, Amsterdam Brussels, London City and limited flights to Cork and Jersey). Cardiff International offers international scheduled and charter flights and scheduled domestic (UK) flights. At present, no intra-Wales domestic services are available, though there are a variety of smaller airports in the Welsh regions from which such services could be operated.

- Passenger traffic at Cardiff International in 2002 – 1.4 million passengers per annum (mppa). Since then BMI Baby have significantly increased the number of flights from the airport.
- Average growth in total passengers per annum between 1991 and 2002 – 9.8%, slightly higher than the UK regional average (around 8%pa).
- Cardiff airport ranks 12th in terms of total passenger traffic amongst UK regional airports.
- In 2002, of the 189 million passengers who passed through UK airports, around 1.4 million used Cardiff International.
- In 2000 the average number of return trips per head of population was estimated to be 0.6.
- Around 3,000 people are employed directly in the aviation industry in Wales.
- According to current estimates aviation adds £0.2 billion to the Welsh economy each year and accounts for 0.8% of GDP across Wales as a whole.

- The table below contains a summary of the status of Cardiff Airport in 2002:

2002 Data	Cardiff International
Millions of passengers per annum (mppa)	1.4
Mppa average growth per annum (1991-2002)	9.8%
Freight (tonnes)	1287
Freight growth (1991-2002)	154%
Air Transport Movements (ATMs)	19 000
ATMs average growth (1991-2002)	6%

