

MAJOR EVENTS & CARDIFF AIRPORT

Briefing for
Public Accounts Committee



NATO and Cardiff Airport

Cardiff was announced as the City to host the summit in **October 2013**.

The planning for NATO was led by the Foreign Commonwealth Office (FCO), with monthly meetings starting from January 2014.

NATO statistics

76 NATO flights in **3 days**. On those flights were the following VIPs:

Head of State/Government	17
Foreign Minister	13
Defence Minister	15
Head of Delegation	2
Total	47

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NATO achieved by

- Engaging with Airport Coordination Ltd (ACL) & FCO for slot co-ordination
- Accommodating slots for delegates pre-meetings
- Parking: ensuring no state aircraft were blocked in
- CWL accommodating all requests from delegations to use Cardiff Airport
- Utilising North & South side aprons for extra parking
- British Airways Maintenance providing addition parking
- Handling up to 3 aircraft for each of the Spanish, Belgian & French delegations
- Handling aircraft of all sizes: from small GA aircraft to the German and Turkish A330s
- Parking & facilitating NATO support team: 260 passengers from Brussels.



Rugby World Cup 2015

The planning for the RWC started in **October 2014**, just after the NATO summit. Steering group was set up at the airport to ensure we maximised what we could manage as an airport. We had additional traffic for the following games:

	Ireland		Canada
	France		Ireland
Quarter final		France	
Quarter final		Ireland	

CWL sat on the transport working group with meetings held at the millennium Stadium, working closely with all stakeholders to ensure we brought in supporters safely for the games that were being held.

Rugby World Cup statistics

Total movements and passengers for the event:

Aircraft movements (over 4 games)	575
Passengers (over 4 games)	35,899



Rugby World Cup achieved by

- Engaging with ACL to ensure maximum runway and terminal capacity
- Accommodated all requests for general aviation and commercial operations
- Runway capacity at peak was raised from 15 to 21 movements
- Terminal capacity increased and 3 extra security channels added
- British Airways Maintenance providing addition parking
- The Multi Agency Command Centre was operated as the control centre for Ireland v France & Quarter final matches
- Airport staff based at – Taff Embankment and Barry Comprehensive school
- T9 Bus service ran additional rotations
- CAA visited to observe foreign aircraft – no compliance issues reported.

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Future event **Champions League Final 2017**

On Tuesday 30th June, 2015 UEFA's Executive Committee announced that:

- The **2017 UEFA Champions League Final** would be played at the Principality Stadium on **Saturday 3rd June, 2017**
- The **2017 UEFA Women's Champions League Final** would be played at the Cardiff City Stadium on **Thursday 1st June, 2017**
- The FAW held a press conference at the Principality Stadium on **Wednesday 1st July, 2017** to publicise UEFA's announcement

Cardiff Airport will play a huge part in making this event a success for Cardiff. The transport plan for air will be coordinated with the FAW and all other stakeholders to ensure that we can deliver the plan safely whilst meeting all requirements and air demand for this event.

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Future event **Champions League Final 2017**

Cardiff Airport has committed to handling an additional;

Supporters (Commercial Aircraft)	12,000
VIP & Sponsors (Private Flights)	200 movements

- Working with ACL rotating empty aircraft to other locations to maximise slot and stand capacity
- A temporary terminal will be put in place, similar to NATO that allows Cardiff Airport to meet the terminal capacity. This will consist of Arrivals and Departures, allowing processing of 1,400 passengers per hour on the day of the event.
- The Airport's Specials Events Protocol will be in place, working with all stakeholders to ensure the event is delivered in a safe manner.
- Cardiff Airport is part of the 'Team Wales' delegation that will travel to Milan in May to attend meetings and understand the air plan for the 2016 event, which is being held in the city.

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