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## Stakeholder Engagement Forum

The St Helena Airport Project's latest Stakeholder Engagement Forum (SEF) was held at the Museum on Thursday, 8 February 2018.

The event was much better attended than recent SEFs and the audience included a film crew as well as a number of tourists.

The evening started with Miles Leask from the Project Management Unit giving an overview of progress on the Project. A series of photographs were used to show which parts of the Project are complete, those that are nearly complete and finally those which are yet to be completed.

The second part of the SEF involved the launch of Basil Read's latest Annual Environmental Report (AER) covering the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017. An overview of the report's contents was given by Environmental Management Plan Co-ordinator, Bryony Walmsley, and Environmental Control Officer, Annina Hayes, provided details of three walkovers undertaken during the reporting period.

A hard copy of the full AER is available from the Public Library or an electronic copy can be found at [www.sainthelena.gov.sh/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/St-Helena-Airport-Project-Annual-Environmental-Report-for-Phase-1.pdf](http://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/St-Helena-Airport-Project-Annual-Environmental-Report-for-Phase-1.pdf). Miles Leask then provided a brief look ahead of the activities planned for the next few months before inviting questions which were answered by the presenters as well as other members of the Project in attendance.



*Bryony giving an overview of the AER*



*Attendees at the SEF held in the Museum*

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### Three Aircrafts at St Helena Airport



Three aircrafts parked on the apron

St Helena Airport made history on 24 January 2018 with three aircrafts parked on the apron (two arriving and one departing).

A ZS-ACT (ExecuJet) arrived at 9.56am with three family members – Captain Larry Beamish, Engineer Jason Beamish and Stewardess Laura Beamish - another first for the Airport. The ZS-ACT brought a spare set of wheels for the FA7X, which was in need of repair.

Meanwhile, the regular Airlink charter was inbound and arrived at 1.13pm. Once the E190 was on the apron, the FA7X started up, taxied and departed for San Juan, Puerto Rico. The flying time was a total of 9hrs, another first for the Airport - the furthest distance travelled by a charter from St Helena.

The FA7X was extremely grateful for all of the assistance provided:

*"I want to thank you again for the support and kindness that you and all of your staff showed us. I can't begin to imagine how much more difficult the process would have been to work through without your efforts! In most airports anywhere around the world, our dilemma would have been met with indifference and uncaring. Your attitude (which was also mirrored by your staff) was most memorable!"*



Making repairs to the FA7X

### Profit Hunter



Embraer E190-E2 with 'Profit Hunter' livery

St Helena Airport was buzzing with excitement on 31 January 2018 as they welcomed back the Embraer aircraft with the new E190-E2 'Profit Hunter' livery. The aircraft stopped for refuelling before setting course via South Africa to the Singapore Air Show.

The E190-E2s are the second generation of the Embraer 170/190 regional jet family, with seating capacity for 70-108 passengers. They feature a larger fuselage, fourth generation fly-by-wire controls, and new engines, resulting in a reduction in fuel consumption, noise, and maintenance costs.

### Ramp Handlers

St Helena Airport has a multi-skilled group of people working in many different areas and performing a wide variety of tasks.

Commercial, charter or private operators at the Airport will need Ramp Handlers to safely guide their planes into the allocated parking bay. They are also responsible for all ground servicing, including loading and unloading of baggage and cargo.

A Ramp Handler typically operates a variety of machinery and equipment, including baggage loader belts, Ground Power Unit (GPU), Passenger stairs and small baggage cart tugs.

The Ramp Handlers are extremely professional comprising of the Airport Rescue & Firefighting Service and staff from Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc and enjoy working at the St Helena Airport.



Ramp Handlers at work at St Helena Airport

