

Aiport has served the city well

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PRESIDENT of the Dublin Chamber of Commerce Hugh Governey said that Dublin Airport is such an integral part of the city that we can all claim 'a certain ownership' of it.

'The airport has been part of the social, business and tourism fabric of the city and has served us well for many years,' he says in the introduction to the DIT report on the future of the airport.

'Now, like the rest of the Irish economy, Dublin airport is going through a new phase of growth. That will pose many challenges and there will be barriers to overcome.'

He said the Chamber report aimed at assisting that process. 'It highlights the positive contribution which Dublin airport has made to economic growth, not just in Dublin, but in Ireland as a whole. It offers constructive recommendations as to how that growth pattern can be built on and sustained, in all our common interests.'

The report was compiled by the Faculty of Built Environment, DIT Bolton Street, with research by Dr Brendan Williams and Patrick Shiels.

Those interviewed included David Guest of ABN Amro International; Niall Ring of Bankgesellschaft Berlin (Ireland) plc; Tony McDermott of Hewlett Packard;

Ciarán Reilly of Ericsson; Vincent Cleary of London Life and General; Schinichi Nishikiori of Sumitomo Finance (Dublin) Ltd; Fergus Byrn of 3-Com Ireland; Tony Boyle and Stephen O’Flaherty of Sigma Communications Group; Pat Chaney of Ascend Communications and Arthur Walls of Clery & Co Ltd.

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