David Kendrick – David heads the Airline Licensing Department within the UK Civil Aviation Authority's Consumer & Markets Group. David is responsible for the grant and management of all UK airline Operating Licences, together with the administration of the UK Foreign Carrier Permits system (that allows third country operators access to the UK, which will include EEA operators at the end of the UK's Exit from the EU at the end of December 2020).

David brings a broad finance and legal background to his role, particularly in relation to the polo and application of rules surrounding airline licensing, ownership & control, insurance and leasing.

Over the years David has also been engaged in managing aspects of the CAA's response to airline insolvency, most recently in relation to Thomas Cook and in dealing with the issues presented by the Covid pandemic.

David's role has also included the development and implementation of a wide range of UK and European legislation in relation to passenger rights and licensing, and has been seconded to the European Commission as a national expert on those issues.

David was also involved in the establishment of the CAA's "shadow airlines"—those entities repatriating some 220,000 passengers to the UK following Monarch and Thomas Cook ceasing operations.

In recent months he has been part of the CAA's EU Exit air service negotiating team leading on airline licensing and Third Country Operator issues.

