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Press Release

Leeds Bradford Airport welcomes the Chancellors early Christmas Present for families

Leeds Bradford Airport (LBA), Yorkshire's gateway airport has welcomed the decision by the Chancellor of the Exchequer in his Autumn Statement to scrap Air Passenger Duty (APD) on air fares for children over 2 and under the age of 12 on all flights departing from UK airports from 1st May 2015 .

The announcement is great news for families who will save at least £13 per child when they depart from LBA and the Chancellors early Christmas present will make flying and holidaying from LBA even more affordable next summer.

LBA have supported the recent nationwide campaign to reduce the level of APD and the Chancellor should be commended for his bold initiative to stimulate an increase in air travel both domestically and internationally.

It is now clear that the government is listening to the important views of the travel industry and Leeds Bradford Airport will continue to campaign with its airline and tour operator partners for a complete abolition of APD for all departing passengers across the UK to further stimulate business growth and investment.

Tony Hallwood Leeds Bradford Airport's Aviation Development Director commented;

"The announcement to abolish APD on children will provide immediate cost savings for families intending to take a holiday next Summer from LBA whether they are seeking a break in the UK or travelling overseas.

This decision also provides a welcome boost to the UK tourism sector and will encourage more passengers to consider an overseas holiday next summer flying from Leeds Bradford. In addition we look forward to welcoming more inbound family visitors to Yorkshire who will see the cost of their travel arrangements fall in 2015."

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