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EASTERN AIRWAYS LAUNCHES SIGNIFICANT CAPACITY INCREASE ON LEEDS BRADFORD[®] – SOUTHAMPTON ROUTE

Eastern Airways has almost doubled seat capacity on its busy Leeds Bradford[®] – Southampton route by introducing larger aircraft and increasing frequency to give Yorkshire business travellers even greater choice.

This latest announcement follows the news last month that Eastern Airways had increased services on Leeds Bradford[®] – Southampton service from three to four flights each weekday in each direction.

A larger 50-seat Saab 2000 aircraft will now operate services with an additional 3,700 seats a month available on the route from Monday 2 November 2015. The change of aircraft will also result in improvements to the schedule.

Weekday flights will leave Leeds Bradford[®] at 6.50am, 10am, 2.30pm and 5.50pm, arriving in Southampton at 7.55am, 11.05am, 3.35pm and 6.55pm. Flights from Southampton will depart at 8.25am, 11.30am, 4.15pm and 7.25pm, landing in Leeds Bradford[®] at 9.30am, 12.35pm, 5.20pm and 8.30pm. Sunday services will leave Leeds Bradford[®] at 4.50pm and Southampton at 6.45pm.

Yorkshire has strong business links with Hampshire and the south coast of England, particularly in finance, insurance, IT, petrochemical, pharmaceutical, construction and manufacturing industries. Also Southampton is steeped in maritime history with its world class port for cruise liners.

Kay Ryan, Eastern Airways' commercial director, said: "By increasing capacity and recently upping the frequency of services due to the popularity of this important route, this demonstrates our firm commitment to both regions. We're providing greater choice with more seats, a business-focused schedule with improved adjustments to timings to meet increased demand from business travellers commuting between these two vibrant business centres."

Tony Hallwood, Leeds Bradford[®] Airport's aviation development director, said: "We welcome the introduction of additional Eastern Airways capacity on the Southampton route to meet demand from regional businesses. With a flight of around an hour compared to over a four hour rail or road journey, there is no better way to travel to that all important meeting."