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### **FLYBE CONFIRMS NEW ROUTE FROM LEEDS BRADFORD<sup>®</sup> TO NEWQUAY**

#### **Leading regional airline announces details of fourth new route under UK Government's Regional Air Connectivity Fund**

Flybe, Europe's largest regional airline, has today (14<sup>th</sup> April 2016) confirmed details of a new year round service between Leeds Bradford<sup>®</sup> and Newquay Airports that will operate three times a week from 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2016. This is the fourth and final Flybe route to be announced under the Government's Regional Air Connectivity Fund. Tickets are available for booking now at [www.flybe.com](http://www.flybe.com) with one way fares from £19.99 including taxes and charges.

The new route turns what would otherwise be a six hour drive or eight hour rail journey into a short one hour and twenty minute flight, opening Cornwall and the South West up to Yorkshire business as well as providing a useful hop back home to Cornwall for those away at university in the North.

Aviation Minister Robert Goodwill said: "It is great to see Flybe launch this new service between Leeds Bradford<sup>®</sup> and Newquay. This will make a real difference to the local economies and unlock new tourism and business opportunities for Yorkshire and Cornwall, cutting out the long car and train journeys and putting the two regions within easy reach for holiday makers. By backing new regional air routes, the Government is driving investment and growth across the country and supporting these important local aviation hubs and I personally am looking forward to using this service myself."

#### **SCHEDULE FOR NEW FLYBE ROUTE**

##### **LEEDS BRADFORD<sup>®</sup> (LBA) – NEWQUAY (NQY)**

Effective for travel from 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2016

##### **Tue & Fri**

Dep LBA 1345 Arr NQY 1505    Dep NQY 1530 Arr LBA 1655

##### **Sun**

Dep LBA 1025 Arr NQY 1145    Dep NQY 1230 Arr LBA 1355

Vincent Hodder, Flybe's Chief Revenue Officer comments: "We are delighted to be able to connect these two parts of the country by announcing details of our fourth and last route under the Government's RACF funding. It allows us to further strengthen our reputation as Europe's largest regional airline and we are proud to be once again connecting those who live in areas not well served by other airlines."

Tony Hallwood, Aviation Development Director at Leeds Bradford<sup>®</sup> Airport added: "Leeds Bradford<sup>®</sup> Airport welcomes the introduction of Flybe services to Newquay linking the Leeds City region with Cornwall. With a flying time of just over an hour, quick and easy access by air will provide a fast and relaxing way avoiding lengthy car

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and rail journeys to the South West. This route will significantly reduce journey times for both business and leisure travellers and we welcome the support provided by the government through the recently approved Regional Air Connectivity Fund."

The Government's Regional Air Connectivity Fund was launched last year as a way of encouraging new routes to and from UK regional airports and improving connectivity for business and leisure travellers. The start-up aid bidding competition was open to airports with fewer than five million passengers per year and allows air routes that are not currently commercially viable today to be introduced early, giving time for airlines to build passenger numbers and deliver a more sustainable service.

Flybe will also operate a fifth daily frequency on the Leeds Bradford<sup>®</sup> to Belfast City route on a Monday, Wednesday and Thursday in Winter 2016/17 which will increase the number of Belfast City flights from Leeds Bradford to 28 weekly.

In total Flybe will operate two routes for winter from Leeds Bradford<sup>®</sup>, being Newquay and Belfast City with a choice of up to 31 flights a week.

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Tony Hallwood, Aviation Development Director at Leeds Bradford Airport looks forward to the start of Flybe's new winter service to Newquay.

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#### About Flybe

Flybe, Europe's largest regional airline – 216 routes serving 10 countries from 75 departure points, 37 UK/38 European airports\* (all routes on sale Mar '16 – Oct '16); operates more UK domestic flights than any other airline (UK CAA Feb '15 – Jan'16); one of only two UK-based carriers in top 20 global airlines punctuality league table by OAG (Jan '16) and named top UK airline for punctuality in report issued by UK consumer watchdog Which? (Dec 2014); named 'Best Short-Haul Airline' at the 2016 Business Travel Awards (Jan '16); is the largest scheduled airline by air traffic movements at Belfast City, Birmingham, Bournemouth, Cardiff, Exeter, Glasgow, Isle of Man, Jersey, Manchester, Newquay and Southampton airports (UK CAA Jan '16); operates fleet of 75 aircraft – 52 Bombardier Q400, 9 Embraer 195, 11 E175 & 3 ATR 72s; codeshares with BA, Air France, Etihad, KLM, Finnair, Aer Lingus, Cathay Pacific and Emirates; has three franchise partners, Loganair, Stobart Air and Blue Islands making it only UK airline brand with 72% coverage of reporting airports (UK CAA Jan '15); has own globally recognised Training Academy in Exeter with flight deck and cabin crew simulator facilities, 26 classrooms and 150-seat conference facility.

\*Flown under the Flybe brand (30 routes/11 airports exclusively served by Flybe's franchise partner, Loganair: and 3 routes and 3 airports exclusively operated by franchise partner, Stobart Air)