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"TRAVELWATCH WELCOMES REPLACEMENT AIR SERVICES"

TravelWatch ISLE OF MAN welcomes the moves by both Manx2.com and Flybe to maintain the Newcastle and Birmingham routes from the Island following the withdrawal of Eastern Airways services later this month.

In recent years we have seen substantial changes in the actual airlines serving the Island - which in some cases has led to suspension of services and uncertainty for passengers. Nevertheless the island still has the advantage of being directly accessible from a number of airports in the UK and Ireland. On this occasion we welcome the efforts to maintain continuity, albeit with an initial reduced frequency to Newcastle. Travellers will need to note that it appears that Eastern Airways are providing full refunds rather than transferring bookings to the operators who have stepped in and thus new reservations will need to be created by the passengers themselves.

TravelWatch spokesman Paul Moncaster comments:

"We are pleased to see the speed of action to maintain these services and note that both routes will be in the hands of airlines who have shown substantial commitment to serving the needs of Isle of Man passengers."

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