Airlink welcomes 1 million passengers in 2017

Lothian's Airlink 100 today welcomed its one-millionth Edinburgh Airport passenger for 2017.

The city's bus company carries around 3,000 customers a day from the airport into the city. With a team of sixty dedicated drivers and a fleet of fifteen specially designed vehicles, the route covers 20,000 miles per week.

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Nigel Serafini, Commercial Director of Lothian, said: "Over the last few years, we have invested significantly in Airlink 100, including a fleet of new low emission vehicles for the route and the latest contactless payment technology. We are delighted to hit this milestone in our operation for 2017 and look forward to continuing to provide a first class service for residents and visitors to our city."

Gordon Robertson, Director of Communications at Edinburgh Airport, said: "We've worked closely with Lothian to provide reliable and efficient bus services that make it as easy as possible to get to or from Scotland's busiest airport. Recent investment also means passengers are benefitting from things like live updates on their flights and contactless payment and these fantastic usage figures demonstrate the continued success of this route."

Airlink 100 provides Edinburgh Airport with a 24/7 operation and has 175,000 seats available per week; the equivalent to 333 jumbo jets. Vehicles are fitted to a high specification and all have contactless payment technology, free WIFI, next stop audio/visual announcements including British Sign language, and live on-board flight departure information and security waiting times.

To mark the occasion, staff from Lothian will be on hand across the day to surprise customers with airport shopping vouchers and Airlink return tickets.

More information on Airlink 100 and the other airport services on offer from Lothian can be found on the <u>website</u>.