

# **Lothian move into new premises in West Lothian**

**Lothiancountry confirmed they have bought new premises in the heart of Livingston for its operations across West Lothian.**

The premises purchased from West Lothian Council for £700,000, are based on Nairn Road in the Deans area of Livingston and from this Sunday, 31 March, will be home to over 120 staff and over 40 vehicles.

**Nigel Serafini, Commercial Director, said:** “We are pleased to announce the investment in new garage facilities in Deans, Livingston for our Lothiancountry operations.

“We have been looking for new garage premises following the successful launch of these services in August last year and are delighted that the premises will be ready for operational service in line with our upcoming service enhancements at the end of March.

“We have seen significant market stimulation and customer growth since the launch across the Lothiancountry network. Customer journeys continue to rise and our investment in these premises, along with the introduction of new and improved connections, further strengthens our long term commitment to both the local community of West Lothian and our dedicated team of drivers who have built a business that delivers high levels and quality of customer service at all times, as well as showing that buses can be a great solution to achieving active travel journeys and modal shift in Scotland.”

The company has also confirmed that further new employment opportunities will be created, boosting both the local and

wider Scottish economy.

Council Leader Lawrence Fitzpatrick said: “We are delighted that Lothian Country are establishing a permanent base in West Lothian at the council’s former Fleet depot in Deans, Livingston.

“The total value of their investment should exceed £6 million, which shows their long-term commitment to West Lothian.”

Executive councillor for development and transport Cathy Muldoon said: “It’s fantastic news that Lothian Country are bringing 120 jobs to West Lothian at their new depot, giving a welcome boost to the local economy.

“The addition of Lothian Country buses to West Lothian’s public transport network has increased choice for local residents, encouraging more people to consider using public transport.”

Lothiancountry recently announced service enhancements and the introduction of a new service to the West Lothian area, due to commence from 31 March.

Full details can be found on [www.lothiancountry.co.uk](http://www.lothiancountry.co.uk)



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