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SNP PARLIAMENTARIANS VISIT DUNDEE AIRPORT

Following a pre-arranged meeting this morning with Dundee Airport management, attended by MSPs Shona Robison, Irene McGugan, Kenny MacAskill, Cllr. Joe Fitzpatrick, local MEP Ian Hudghton said:

“The SNP team of Parliamentarians explored with airport managers the potential for development of additional direct services from Dundee, especially to a mainland European hub such as Amsterdam.

“The convenience for Tayside and Fife travellers, compared with congested traffic situation on the Forth Bridge, is one major benefit of Dundee Airport, and the potential for increasing business and high value leisure travel, such as golfing at Carnoustie or St. Andrews are significant advantages. The SNP Members will be looking at ways to promote the idea of further development at Dundee.

“Following a tabloid newspaper story at the weekend which focussed on security issues at the Airport, we had an opportunity to discuss in-depth a whole range of issues relating to passenger safety and security.

“I have full confidence in the current arrangements in place at Dundee, and look forward to using the London City service tomorrow, Tuesday morning, and continuing regularly to take advantage of the onward connections available via the Dundee/Manchester link.”

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