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Short list routes for start-up aid funding – Initial Application Stage

The Department for Transport undertook an initial application stage bidding process for scheme promoters to apply for start-up aid. This bidding process ended on the 25 February 2015 and the Department for Transport has identified 15 routes that it believes meet the EC guidelines with regards to start-up aid and can now move forward to the second stage of bidding.

We are publishing a list of these routes and are inviting representations to be made to the Department from interested parties if they are planning to operate the route commercially or if they believe the route is already served within around a 100km radius and to provide information on why they believe funding for this new route would distort the market place.

For those routes that have successfully passed the initial application stage route promoters should provide the following information:

- **Application letter from airline:** Letter from the airline setting out the route they are seeking start-up aid funding for and amount of funding required.
- **Route information:** Setting out information on the route and funding being sought. (Doc: Route information application form)
- **Ex-ante business plan:** Evidence how the route will be commercially viable at the end of the funding period. (Doc: Route information application form)
- **Economic Appraisal:** Each route will be undergo a full economic and environmental appraisal, from which a benefits-costs ratio will be calculated and a quality score developed based on the information provided in the Economic and Strategic Appraisal Questionnaire. (Doc: Economic and Strategic Appraisal Questionnaire)
- **Strategic Appraisal:** Benefits that cannot necessarily be monetised and meet the strategic aims of the scheme. (Doc: Economic and Strategic Appraisal Questionnaire)

These forms should be submitted by the **airline** proposing to operate the route by noon on 9th October 2015 to:

Start-Up.Aid@dft.gsi.gov.uk

Although the Department for Transport intends to make financial payments to any proposal that passes both stages of the bidding process under this funding scheme it reserves its full discretion not to make available some or all of the potential funds. Those who incur time or costs in making application do so at their own risk and will not be reimbursed by the Department for Transport in any event.

List of routes that have passed the initial application stage

Route	Airline	Service
Durham TV - Belfast	Links Air	Double-daily return weekdays, single return Sunday
Carlisle - Belfast	Stobart Air	Daily return
Carlisle - Dublin	Stobart Air	Daily return
Carlisle - Southend	Stobart Air	Daily return
Dundee - Amsterdam	Flybe	Daily return
Doncaster Sheffield - Frankfurt	BMI regional	Weekday return
Derry - Dublin	City Wings	Double-daily return weekdays, single return weekends
Newquay - Leeds Bradford	Flybe	Daily return (MWFSS) - summer and 3 daily returns (MFS) - winter
Norwich - Charles de Gaulle	Flybe	Daily return
Norwich - Dublin	Flybe	Double-daily return weekdays, single return weekend
Norwich - Exeter	Flybe	Daily return
Norwich - Newcastle	Links Air	Weekday double-daily return
Oxford - Edinburgh	Links Air	Double-daily weekdays and daily return Sunday
Southampton - Lyon	Flybe	Double-daily return weekdays, single return weekend
Southampton - Munich	Flybe	Double-daily return weekdays, single return weekend