

TravelWatch- **ISLE OF MAN**

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Representing and promoting the interests of Isle of Man Passengers

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TravelWatch Public Meeting – Saturday 6th March

In the three years since it was formed **TravelWatch ISLE OF MAN** has become widely recognised for effectively putting the Passenger Perspective to our transport providers and Government Departments. We also organise Public Meetings twice a year to give passengers an opportunity not only to air their ideas and concerns, to be updated on our work but particularly to meet the people who have responsibility for providing and ensuring the availability of passenger transport to, from and on the Island.

The next such Public Meeting is being held on **Saturday morning March 6** at the **Villa Marina** when we look forward to welcoming our Airport Director, **Ann Reynolds** and Director of Public Transport **Ian Longworth** as our speakers. There are many hot topics in both their areas of responsibility including:

- the arrival of easyJet and security issues at the airport
- proposed timetable and route changes on the bus network – and bendy buses
- the new heritage railway timetables for 2010

Our speakers will be available to answer questions after their presentations.

We will also be providing updates on

- the prospective Consultative Body for air and sea transport,
- recent meetings and developments in our contacts with operators
- the work we have been doing to provide passengers with guidance on the medical cover options available for passengers once the Reciprocal Health Agreement with the UK is terminated at the end of March.

We are keen to **listen to passenger views** and questions on these and other topics and with our increasing work-load we are anxious to widen our support base so that we can tackle the complex issues that are important to Isle of Man passengers.

The **Public Meeting** is expected to start around 10.15, or immediately after our **Annual General Meeting** at 10.00 (to which the public are of course invited). Doors will be open at 09.30. Admission is free – but we always welcome new members, donations towards our work, and the coffee.

Full details of how to join **TravelWatch-ISLE OF MAN** - as well as the **information** and **guidance** we provide for passengers - can be found on our website: www.travelwatch-isleofman.org

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