

HIGHLAND & ISLANDS FIRE BOARD

10 September 2009

Agenda Item	
Report No	

SITE ACQUISITIONS

Report by the Director of Housing & Property Services

SUMMARY

This report summarises the current status of the acquisition of sites for future development.

1 SITES IN THE PROCESS OF BEING ACQUIRED FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

1.1 Fair Isle

The Highland Council legal team have reviewed the revised lease that was issued by NTS. There are proposed terms that the legal team are checking before the lease is concluded.

1.2 Foyers (Gorthleck)

Outline planning permission has been applied for. Once the decision has been reached an instruction can be issued to the DV to value the site and negotiate terms.

1.3 Kinlochewe

Verbal agreement was received in July 2009. The Highland Council legal team are awaiting written confirmation.

1.4 Scalloway

The Highland Council legal team have now concluded the sale with all owners. The only outstanding item which the legal team are checking is whether the site requires to be de-crofted.

1.5 St.Margaret's Hope, Orkney

A DV's valuation has been undertaken and a copy of this will be sent direct from the DV to HIFRS to consider. The solicitor can then make arrangements to conclude the purchase thereafter.

1.6 **Torridon**

NTS are in agreement to lease a joint site between HIFRS and the Torridon Mountain Rescue Team. On hold until mountain rescue team have confirmed their position.

1.7 **Bayhead**

The DV was instructed on the 6 May 2009. No response from the DV has been received to date. A reminder letter was issued on 28 July 2009 and another reminder was issued on the 27 August 2009.

1.8 **Uig**

Revised road access solutions have been addressed and proposals were issued in August 2009 to TEC services for comment.

1.9 **Whalsay**

A DV's valuation has been undertaken and a copy of this will be sent to HIFRS to consider. The solicitor can then make arrangements to conclude the purchase thereafter.

1.10 **Baltasound**

This is dealt with in a separate report on the agenda.

RECOMMENDATION

Members are asked to note the contents of this report and the current status of site acquisitions.

Signature:

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