

HIGHLAND & ISLANDS FIRE BOARD

18 January 2008

Agenda Item	
Report No	

SITE ACQUISITIONS

Report by the Interim 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

Solicitors currently concluding a 25 year lease with NTS.

1.2 Foyers (Gorthleck)

A site adjacent to the location of the prefabricated temporary unit has been identified and is available from the Forestry Commission. Further drainage investigation works have been completed and the updated feasibility report has been passed to the HIFRS. Awaiting instructions.

1.3 Kinlochewe

The Board's solicitor is progressing acquisition from the Hall Trustees for the proposed site and planning consent has been granted. Wayleaves from adjoining owners for water and drainage services to the site have been difficult. It has now come to light that Cairn Housing Association have started a new development adjacent to the proposed Fire Station and we are now presently looking to connect to their water and drainage which means gaining wayleave agreements from Cairn Housing Association.

1.4 Lochboisdale

Site in Board ownership.

1.5 North Ronaldsay

HIFRS have agreed to enter into a partnership with Orkney Islands Council for the purchase of land at North Ronaldsay. This would result in both organisations putting £5000 each forward for the purchase. Awaiting update from Solicitors.

1.6 Scalloway

Solicitor currently making arrangements to conclude the purchase.

1.7 Staffin

The site is being purchased two sections – the first section is now in Board ownership and conclusion of the purchase of the second section is imminent.

1.8 St.Margaret's Hope, Orkney

Feasibility study of proposed site has been undertaken and planning permission has been obtained. The information has been forwarded to the Fire Service. Awaiting Instructions.

1.9 Torridon

A meeting between the HIFRS and the Torridon Mountain Rescue team took place in December 2007. Possibility of joint venture between is back on the table. NTS have a site ear marked.

2 SITES IN THE OWERSHIP OF THE BOARD

Site	Site Area
Aultbea	2,617m ²
Glenelg	3,100m ²
Rousay	628m ²
Stronsay	624m ²
Sanday	275m ²
Sandwick	317m ²
Scourie	1,420m ²
Tongue	4,308m ²

RECOMMENDATION

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

Signature:

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