

# HIGHLAND & ISLANDS FIRE BOARD

23<sup>rd</sup> January 2009

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Report No	

## Site Acquisitions

### Report by the Director of Housing and Property

#### 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 National Trust for Scotland have confirmed that they are happy with the content of the draft 25 year lease and this is now being forwarded to their legal advisors. A formal agreement is expected by the end of January.

##### 1.2 Foyers (Gorthleck)

An initial contamination survey is currently being arranged as per instructions from the Civil Engineer.

##### 1.3 Kinlochewe

Solicitor currently making arrangements to conclude the purchase. Formal confirmation is required from Albyn Housing Association that they will grant servitude rights for water and foul drainage connections for the proposed fire station through their neighbouring housing development before finalising purchase of the site from the Hall Trustees. Verbal agreement has been received.

##### 1.4 Scalloway

Recorded title for half of the plot received 9 January 2009, which allows Legal to now negotiate a sale with those owners and with the owner of the other half of the plot. The disposition should be drafted shortly.

##### 1.5 St.Margaret's Hope, Orkney

Negotiations ongoing.

##### 1.6 Torridon

NTS in agreement to lease a joint site between HIFRS and Torridon Mountain Rescue Team. On hold until mountain rescue team have budget in place.

1.7 **Bayhead**

Feasibility study complete and passed to HIFRS.

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Feasibility Study complete and passed to HIFRS.

1.9 **Whalsay**

Request was sent to District Valuer to negotiate a price with the landowner on 28 Nov 08. The Valuer is due to visit Shetland week commencing 19<sup>th</sup> January and Whalsay is on his list and a valuation would be expected within a fortnight.

1.10 **Flugga Boats, Baltasound**

The DV has been instructed to carry out a valuation. As the DV's valuer will be visiting Shetland week commencing 19<sup>th</sup> January they have been asked to carry out this valuation at the same time as Whalsay.

**Recommendation**

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

Signature:

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