

HIGHLAND & ISLANDS FIRE BOARD

25th August 2006

Agenda Item	
Report No	

SITE ACQUISITIONS

Report by the Director of Property & Architectural 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

A 25 year lease has now been concluded.

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. A feasibility study is being undertaken.

1.3 Kinlochewe

The Board's solicitor is resolving the protracted liaison with 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 are being pursued by the Board's solicitors.

1.4 Lochaline

Education Culture and Sport have indicated that a Joint Venture could be undertaken between the New School and Fire Station. ECS to arrange a brief and pass to PAS when completed.

1.5 Lochboisdale

Planning consent has now been obtained for the proposed site and Board approval has been given to conclude the acquisition. An offer to purchase has been made and accepted however approval of the Land Court is required.

1.6 **North Ronaldsay**

OIC were willing to sell an area that could take a reverse entry station. There was also the possibility of joint venture with the Airport. Instruction awaited from FB personnel.

1.7 **Scalloway**

Ownership difficulties which were reported at the last board meeting have now been resolved. Land is now in the process of being valued.

1.8 **Staffin**

The Board's solicitors have been instructed to acquire this site but approval of the Land Court is required.

1.9 **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.

1.10 **Torridon**

Site adjacent to temporary unit being revisited however this was previously discounted due to its size and restricted access. The National Trust are currently investigating the possibility of a Mountain Rescue/Ambulance station located in Torridon village and an initial approach has been made to explore the possibility of a joint venture with the Fire Board.

1.11 **Tongue**

There have been delays with the Church of Scotland Solicitors. It is anticipated that the sale should be completed by the end of August.

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

Signature:

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