

# HIGHLAND & ISLANDS FIRE BOARD

22 April 2008

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## 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

Solicitors currently concluding a 25 year lease with NTS.

##### 1.2 Foyers (Gorthleck)

Approval given from HIFRS to progress the purchase, a feu plan has been drawn and passed to the Board Solicitors to progress.

##### 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 £3500 each forward for the purchase.

1.6 **Scalloway**

Solicitor currently making arrangements to conclude the purchase.

1.7 **Staffin**

Site in Board ownership.

1.8 **St.Margaret's Hope, Orkney**

Approval given from HIFRS to progress the purchase, a feu plan has been drawn and passed to the Board Solicitors to progress.

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.

2 **SITES IN THE OWERSHIP OF THE BOARD**

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

Signature:

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