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## REPORT SUMMARY

**Report to:** Full Council  
**Meeting Date:** 24 May 2012  
**Report Author** Jim Frater, Manager Property Services  
**Subject:** Takaka Aerodrome and Property Report

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report makes recommendations on fees and charges for Takaka Aerodrome, and also general Property matters, for the period 2012-2022, following submissions to the Council's Draft Long Term Plan 2012-2022.

### RECOMMENDATION/S

That the report is received and the resolutions be adopted.

### DRAFT RESOLUTION

**THAT the Tasman District Council receives report RCN12-05-18 Takaka Aerodrome and Property Report; and**

**THAT the proposed landing charges for Takaka Aerodrome:**

**Single engine aircraft - \$6.00 (includes helicopters and gliders)**

**Twin engine aircraft - \$8.00**

**Administration fee if invoice for landing fees has to be generated by the Takaka Aerodrome Management Committee - \$25.00**

**be approved and that the Takaka Aerodrome Management Committee be requested to consider a further increase in landing charges; and**

**THAT the revised budget for Takaka Aerodrome be approved; and**

**THAT the Tasman District Council request that the Takaka Aerodrome Management Committee consider implementing a passenger departure levy of \$5.00 per person to apply to all commercial flights departing from Takaka Aerodrome; and**

**THAT the Tasman District Council property at 141 Salisbury Road, Richmond be offered for sale or lease to test the market prior to the Council making any definite decision regarding the disposal of this property and the use of any funds to offset the loan for the property at 183 Queen Street, Richmond.**

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## **1. TAKAKA AERODROME**

1.1 Fifty six submissions to the Draft Long Term Plan 2012-2022 have been received for Takaka Aerodrome. These submissions are, in the main, requesting Council to continue to maintain the Aerodrome to an operational standard. The crosswind runway and the desire to keep this maintained to an operational standard is the most submitted on item; but safety, a development plan and a runway extension are also covered.

1.2 Although there are regular scheduled passenger services operating from Takaka, the annual income from rents and landing fee charges is barely sufficient to meet the costs of running the Aerodrome. The Takaka Aerodrome Management Committee (TAMC) has recommended that landing fees for Takaka Aerodrome for 2012-2013 be established as follows:

*Single engine aircraft - \$6.00 (includes helicopters and gliders)*

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*These changes may be reviewed at any stage during the year by Council resolution.*

1.3 The TAMC expressed a willingness to consider a further increase in landing fees provided it was done with a similar review of Motueka Aerodrome landing fees.

1.4 The submission from Golden Bay Air identifies that their scheduled services carry 4,000 passengers annually and that numbers are growing. Another company, Remote Adventures, also has passenger charters. I have discussed the possibility of a departure levy with Golden Bay Air and TAMC and provided the administrative processes can be worked through, they were both supportive of the proposal.

- 1.5 The TAMC has reviewed its budget for 2012/2013. Provided the Committee is able to take advantage of Council contract rates for road marking and sealing (when required), it is of the opinion that it has produced a realistic budget.
- 1.6 The effect of this will reduce the general rate subsidy by \$3060 excluding inflation for year 1 of the Long Term Plan (LTP) 2012-2022.

## **2. MOTUEKA AERODROME**

- 2.1 The three submissions received regarding Motueka Aerodrome will be dealt with as part of the management plan. No changes are recommended to the Long Term Plan 2012-2022. A review of the aerodrome charges is proposed to be undertaken this year and will be subject to consultation with users.

## **3. PROPERTY**

- 3.1 The Council recently approved a formation of a new Subcommittee to deal with Council's commercial interests. Some of the property portfolio will be included including the landholdings at 183 Queen Street otherwise known as Rob Roys. Council has requested staff to investigate properties which may be sold to offset loan costs for this property.
- 3.2 One of the properties that could potentially be sold is 141 Salisbury Road. During the Long Term Plan workshops, Council expressed the view that potential sale of this property should be explored. Staff recommend that they explore the options for either the sale or lease of the property and then report back to Council on the matter.

## **4. RECOMMENDATION/S**

- 4.1 That the report is received and the resolutions be adopted.

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