

## STAFF REPORT

**TO:** Chairman and Members, Engineering Services

**FROM:** Transportation Manager, Gary Clark

**DATE:** 29 June 2010

**SUBJECT:** **TAKAKA AERODROME – FUTURE WORKS – RESC10-07-04**  
Report prepared for meeting of 8 July 2010

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### 1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide Council information regarding discussions with the Takaka Aerodrome Management Committee and to map a way forward. This will provide the platform for future works and how it is funded over several years.

### 2 BACKGROUND

Council is responsible for the Takaka Aerodrome along with the appointed Management Committee. The current funding comes from different sources and is used to look after the day-to-day needs of the aerodrome. The main funding sources include funds from general rate and monies collected from landing fees.

In recent years a number of issues and matters have surfaced which may require further funding to be allocated. Such matters include the sealing of the cross runway, improved taxi facilities and a possible new terminal building. Some of the issues relate to providing life-lines to the Golden Bay area in emergency events and the vulnerability of the roadway across Takaka Hill and bridges across the Motueka River.

### 3 DISCUSSION

I have met with the Takaka Aerodrome Management Committee to discuss the issues and develop a way forward for the ongoing viability of this important district asset. As the committee will be aware, Golden Bay Air have been very proactive in wanting the sealing of the cross runway. In my meeting with the committee this matter was discussed along with other smaller asset upgrades.

I explained that the funding for the aerodrome has been set and it is unlikely that additional general rate funds would be reallocated for improving this asset. There is a need for this asset to be self-managing to some degree and at least most of the funding gained from the immediate community. I am still developing my thoughts about the make up of the funding for this asset and will report back in due course as part of the next annual plan process.

In the meantime I have asked the management committee to consider all of the needs of the aerodrome for the immediate and long term. I will also be preparing a long term strategy document for the management of this important asset in consultation with the management committee and the wider community.

### 4 RECOMMENDATION

**THAT the Takaka Aerodrome, Future Works Report (RESC10-07-04) be received by the Engineering Services Committee.**

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