

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

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Title of Report: Fox Bay Airstrip
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Report of: Aerodromes Manager

1.0 Purpose

1.1 To obtain funding for the completion of recapping works at Fox Bay airstrip.

2.0 Recommendation

2.1 That Honourable Members approve the allocation of £18,000 for the completion of recapping Fox Bay airstrip.

3.0 Summary of Financial Implications

Capital Budget

2010/2011	2011/2012	Total proposed cost
£18,000	£0.00	£18,000

4.0 Background

4.1 In 2007/2008 an amount of £18,000 (price calculated by PWD) was approved for recapping Fox Bay airstrip.

4.2 The PWD commenced the job in December 2007 but discovered that the amount of £18,000 was only enough for approximately half of the work. Consequently only approximately half of the work got completed.

4.3 There were some areas for concern about the finished surface of the airstrip after the recapping was carried out. The intersection with the cross strip was uneven and stones on the finished surface of the main strip were larger than expected. There was concern about how the surface would perform, especially throughout winter. It was agreed that these issues should be assessed to see how the strip settled before continuing with the remainder of the work.

4.4 Overall the surface of the recapped section has settled down and has performed satisfactorily. It is time to complete the work.

- 4.5 The approved FIGAS Action Plan identifies Fox Bay as key to FIGAS operations. It should be kept in a fully maintained state. Especially if FIG expects private airstrip owners to keep their strips maintained.

5.0 Financial Implications

- 6.1 The cost of the works is estimated at £18,000 (price by PWD Roads Engineer).
- 6.2 It will be still necessary to spend approximately £5,000 per annum maintaining the strip. Stanley Airport's operational budget holds this allocation.

6.0 Legal Implications

- 7.1 None.