

## **Flight Training – setting the direction, directing the pace of change**

The Flight Training division of old is likely to be no more with the Executive agreeing to a rebrand and charting a course on a new direction. The division's focus will be not just on funding and supply of abinitio pilot but will now challenge the equally daunting issues of establishing and enhancing a domestic and internationally competitive product. Recommendations coming from the meeting include:

- A new name "Flight Training New Zealand"
- A new price structure to encourage much wider membership of the group – still subject to ratification but there will be an EFTS funded flight schools rate; a rate for all other schools and aeroclubs; a rate for instructors and student membership will be free
- An across industry data gathering platform on employment outcomes and school performance for license exams
- Potentially compulsory loss of medical fitness insurance for student loan funded students
- An approach to two key banks to secure funding for students to top up the funding cap or secure full funding
- Proactively retrieve students who have a pilot license and student loan but are not active as pilots
- Invited TEC/MOE to work collaboratively with group and share common information
- Work with CAA actively addressing areas where the pilot product is not competitive internationally
- Address shortage of instructors.