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### Rex talks touted as a good first step

MAYOR Mathew Dickerson has called last week's talks in Sydney with Regional Express (Rex) executive chairman Lim Kim Hai "the first step" towards a healthy council-airline relationship.

A meeting was held between Dubbo City Councillors late Friday to discuss the outcome of the talks "over a social gathering".

Cr Dickerson said the group did not bring up new discussion but said they acknowledged it was the first step towards good relations.

"There will be more steps along the way, and [the councillors know] next we'll be talking to Warrick Lodge (Rex general manager network strategy)," he said.

"But the bottom line is that the screening started today (yesterday), and it's now on the books, it's a resolution."

Cr Dickerson said Rex was invited repeatedly since October to meet with Dubbo City Council before the resolution was made.

However, he said if there were to be any changes to the arrangement on either side's part it was possible - although through a lengthy process.

"The revenue policy will come up again on the 1st of July," he said.

Cr Dickerson detailed that the current motion could be refuted, taking 28 days to process, and a transport security plan would have to be reviewed, taking take up to 60 days to complete.

"In total it could take three months to change," Cr Dickerson said.

Cr Dickerson admitted there were "different points of view" in last week's talks