

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

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Title of Report: Agricultural Advisory Committee Membership
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Report of: Director of Natural Resources

1.0 Purpose

To appoint members to the Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC).

2.0 Recommendations

That Executive Council be advised to recommend that;

- (a) Louise Pole-Evans and Hew Grierson be appointed as members of the AAC to serve for a period of two years.
- (b) The General Manager, FIMCo be appointed as a member of the AAC.

3.0 Summary of Financial Implications

There are no financial implications

4.0 Background

- 4.1 Executive Council approved the formation of an Agricultural Advisory Committee in 2004. Membership includes two Members of Legislative Assembly as Chair and deputy Chair respectively, Director of Natural Resources, Senior Agricultural Advisor and Senior Veterinary Officer. Additionally membership comprises two farmer representatives, one to be nominated by the Rural Business Association and the other an independent farmer representative to be approved by Executive Council. Both representatives to serve for a term of two years. The farmers currently on the AAC; Ben Berntsen (RBA) and Andrez Short (Independent), completed their 2 year terms in April 2013.
- 4.2 The RBA have nominated Louise Pole-Evans as their representative to serve for the next 2 years. The Department of Agriculture invited nominations for an independent farmer representative. Two candidates were proposed; Hew Grierson and Riki Evans. A vote was held amongst the MLA and civil servant members of the AAC with the

result that Hew Grierson is proposed as the independent farmer representative for the next 2 years.

4.3 The General Manager of the Falkland Islands Meat Company has regularly attended AAC meetings 'by invitation'. At the last AAC meeting in April the committee agreed that it would be better to formalise this arrangement by making GM FIMCo a full member of the AAC. This brings useful experience and input to the committee and it is considered that there is little scope for conflicts of interest as there is only one meat company. Normal committee procedures will of course apply in any case. It is also proposed that if the GM FIMCo is unavailable, that a senior alternate representative of the company be permitted to attend meetings in his place.

4.4 The AAC is unable to operate effectively until the new members are appointed.

5.0 Financial Implications

None

6.0 Legal Implications

None

7.0 Human Resources Implications

None