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Title: Appointment of Livestock Inspectors 2017

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To meet a statutory requirement

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List of Documents: None

1. Recommendations

Honourable Members are recommended to approve:

- 1.1 The Governor appoints the Officers named in paragraph 4.4 as Inspectors under the Livestock Ordinance.
- 1.2 That future appointments of Livestock Inspectors are submitted to the Governor for approval under Executive Council Standing Orders Appendix A Part 2 (“Too Unimportant” or other matters which the Governor attends to without reference to Executive Council).

2. Additional Budgetary Implications

- 2.1 None

3. Executive Summary

3.1 To appoint duly qualified persons to be Livestock Inspectors.

4. Background and Links to Islands Plan and Directorate Business Plan/s

4.1 Section 3 of the Livestock Ordinance states:

For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Ordinance, the Governor may appoint duly qualified persons to act as inspectors for such periods, at such salaries, and on such terms and conditions as may be thought proper by the Governor in Council. No inspector shall be actively engaged in sheep farming.

4.2 In brief Inspectors may:

- Carry out the provisions of the Livestock Ordinance
- Enter any station in the execution of their duty to inspect sheep
- Employ labour to assist in carrying out duties
- Demand information on sheep on the station

The most likely reasons for carrying out inspections are potentially due to any outbreak of disease or any investigations into animal welfare matters.

4.3 Livestock Inspectors were last appointed on 23 September 2016 for one year. Executive Council paper 144/16 refers. At times there have been gaps with no inspectors appointed. To avoid any reoccurrence of having no designated inspectors it is recommended here that existing officers have their appointments renewed, and additionally new officers be appointed. The appointments should be made in the gazette published at the end of August, so will run from September 2017 to September 2018.

4.4 It is therefore recommended that the following Officers of the Department of Natural Resources be appointed as Inspectors under the Livestock Ordinance for a period of one year:

Name	Post	Qualifications
Adam Leonard Dawes	Senior Agricultural Advisor	BAppSc (Agriculture)
Susan Helen Street	Agricultural Advisor	BAnSc
James Kenneth Bryan	Agricultural Advisor	BCom.Ag (Rural Management)
Lucy Ellis	Assistant Agricultural Advisor	Dip Ag, Dip AgBusMan
Stephen William Pointing	Senior Veterinary Officer	BVSc, MSc, MRCVS
Zoe Fowler	Veterinary Officer	BVetMed, OV, MRCVS
Ross Danely Ralph Milner	Veterinary Officer	BVSc, MRCVS

All are considered to be appropriately qualified.

5. Options and Reasons for Recommending Relevant Option

5.1 Livestock Inspectors are necessary to enforce the relevant provisions of the Livestock Ordinance. Without inspectors it would be impossible to use the powers in that Ordinance to inspect farms and sheep.

6. Resource Implications

6.1 Financial Implications

None, all persons being proposed to be appointed as inspectors are employed by the Department of Natural Resources - Agriculture and the role of inspector is considered to be commensurate with their existing duties. No additional payments or allowances are envisaged.

6.2 Human Resource Implications

None; if agreed the role of inspector is being added to the duties of existing staff and the financial aspects are set out in section 6.1 above.

6.3 Other Resource Implications

None.

7. Legal Implications

7.1 The paper deals with appointing officers under the Livestock Ordinance to ensure the provisions of the ordinance can be carried out. There are no additional legal implications.

7.2 Executive Council Standing Orders Appendix A Part 2 enables:

1. Section 66 of the Constitution provides that in the formulation of policy and in the exercise of the functions conferred on the Governor by the Constitution or other law, the Governor must, ordinarily, consult with Executive Council (and must accept its advice; subject to section 67).
2. This guidance is concerned with one of the exceptions to the ordinary position; that the Governor is not obliged to consult with Executive Council if, in the Governor's judgement, *the matter is too unimportant*.

8. Environmental & Sustainability Implications

8.1 None

9. Significant Risks

9.1 None

10. Consultation

10.1 The issue has been limited to within the department. There should be officers appointed to implement the Ordinance.

11. Communication

11.1 The appointment of Livestock Inspectors will be published in the gazette in due course.