

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

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Title of Report: Addition of representative from the Department of Agriculture to permanent membership of the Environmental Committee

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Report of: Environmental Planning Officer/ Head of Policy

1.0 Purpose

1.1 To appoint a representative of the Department of Agriculture to permanent membership of the Environmental Committee.

2.0 Recommendation

2.1 That Honourable Members support the Environmental Committee's recommendation that a representative of the Department of Agriculture be appointed as a permanent member of the Environmental Committee.

3.0 Summary of Financial Implications

3.1 None.

4.0 Background

4.1 On 22 November 2007 Executive Council agreed that the Environmental Committee would consist of: -

- 1) Councillor for the Environment, nominated by Legislative Council
- (2) One Councillor, designated by Legislative Council
- (3) One Councillor, designated by Legislative Council
- (3) Environmental Officer
- (4) Environmental Planning Officer
- (5) Member of the community with appropriate interests and skills
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and a representative from:

- (7) Falkland Islands Tourist Board

- (8) Rural Business Association
- (9) Falkland Islands Fishing Companies Association
- (10) Falklands Conservation

- 4.2 At the same meeting it was also agreed that representatives of Fisheries Department, Department of Agriculture, Department of Public Works, Attorney General's Chambers and Falkland Islands Development Corporation could attend and sit at the Environmental Committee when invited specifically to give advice on a matter within their expertise.
- 4.3 At its meeting on 15 December 2009, the Environmental Committee agreed that the expertise of a representative of the Department of Natural Resources (principally from the Agriculture Department) was a requirement as such expertise is frequently required at their meetings. It was agreed that this be discussed with the Director of Natural Resources
- 4.4 The Director of Natural Resources has agreed that a representative of the Department of Agriculture could sit as a permanent member of the Environmental Committee. Having a permanent member is considered necessary to ensure that an agricultural view is available during general Committee discussions. Under the present arrangement this has been absent unless an agricultural department representative has been expressly invited to attend the meeting in relation to a specific item of interest.
- 4.5 It is recommended that Honourable Members support the Environmental Committee's recommendation that a representative of the Department of Agriculture be appointed as a permanent member of the Environmental Committee.

5.0 Financial Implications

- 5.1 None.

6.0 Legal Implications

- 6.1 None.

7.0 Human Resources Implications

- 7.1 None other than the additional duties will need to be incorporated in the Job Description of the appropriate adviser which may contribute to a need to re-evaluate the post.