

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

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Title of Report: Agricultural Advisory Committee Membership

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Report of: Director of Natural Resources

1 Purpose

- 1.1 To appoint an independent farmer representative to the Agricultural Advisory Committee for a term of two years.

2 Recommendation

- 2.1 Honourable Members are recommended to appoint Mr. Andrez Short to serve on the Agricultural Advisory Committee to represent the farming community for a term of two years from April 2011.

3 Financial Implications

- 3.1 There are no financial implications.

4 Background

- 4.1 Executive Council approved the formation of an Agricultural Advisory Committee in 2004. Membership comprises two farm representatives, one to be nominated by the Rural Business Association (RBA) and the other an independent farmer representative to be approved by Executive Council. Both representatives would serve for a term of two years. Mr. Ben Berntsen has been nominated by the RBA to be their representative. Farmers were invited to put names forward for the independent farmer representative by adverts in the Penguin News and email circular.
- 4.2 Mr. Andrez Short has put his name forward to represent independent farmers and it is recommended that he be appointed to the committee. His was the only application received. As a farmer Mr Short satisfies the criteria for appointment to the committee, and his experience of agricultural development and diversification should be of benefit to the business of the committee.

5 Financial Implications

5.1 There are no financial implications.

6 Legal Implications

6.1 There are no legal implications.

7 Human Resources Implications

7.1 There are no Human Resources Implications.