

## **Department of Agriculture: Agricultural Advisory Committee**

### **Department of Agriculture Vision**

To promote a prosperous and self-reliant agricultural sector that creates opportunities for the Falkland Islander and is highly valued locally and internationally

### **Department of Agriculture Mission**

- To foster a viable and internationally competitive agricultural industry through integrated applied research, extension, business skill development and regulatory programmes.

### **Membership**

- Two Members of the Legislative Assembly holding the portfolio for Natural Resources (one to be Chairman, the other to chair in his/her absence).
- Director of Natural Resources
- Head of Agriculture
- Senior Veterinary Officer
- Three Representatives of the farming community to be elected by nomination for a two-year term. One to represent the RBA. Provision is given for the nomination of a substitute farming community representative who will be able to attend the committee when any of the other farming community representatives are unable to attend a meeting.
- General Manager of the Falkland Islands Meat Company (FIMCo)
- General Manager Falklands Landholdings
- Secretary (member of department staff)
- Standing invitation to:
  - Head of Environment
  - Managing Director of the Falkland Islands Development Corporation (FIDC)

The Agricultural Advisory Committee is established to facilitate opinion, information and advice sharing between the Department of Agriculture and the rural community.

## **Terms of Reference**

- The AAC is to be consulted on policy matters relating to agriculture, biosecurity and veterinary matters in the Falkland Islands, on which the DoA are making recommendations to Executive Council.
- The AAC is to advise the Director on agriculture, biosecurity and veterinary matters that have been raised by the members of the rural community.
- The AAC is to help form a working partnership between farmers, Government departments, the RBA and other Camp related NGOs in order to support the delivery of the agreed Department of Agriculture's Strategic Plan.
- The goals of the DoA strategic plan are:
  - Goal 1: Ensure access for the farming community to a complete range of services such as production advice, certifications and standards, animal health, farming systems and business management
  - Goal 2: Facilitate access to current and new markets
  - Goal 3: To protect the Falkland Islands environment, economy and people from invasive pests and diseases
  - Goal 4: To create opportunities to adapt and mitigate against the impacts of climate change
  - Goal 5: To have a robust and resilient rural economy
  - Goal 6: To develop and maintain purposeful and professional relationships with national and international agricultural people and industries
  - Goal 7: To be part of a vibrant and resilient camp community
  - Goal 8: To ensure staff wellbeing is a priority to the department to foster a respectful, supportive and positive working environment and culture
  - Goal 9: To have robust internal data and communication management systems
  - Goal 10: To have robust and relevant policy and legislation related to Agriculture (including biosecurity and veterinary services)