

# **AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT & SEA FISHERIES**

## **MANDATE**

### **CONSTITUTION:**

- Four members who shall be sitting members of Chief Pleas, two of whom shall be selected as Chairman and Deputy Chairman by their fellow Committee Members.
- The Assistant Constables Sea Fisheries who shall be *ex officio* members.
- Up to 2 non-voting members who shall not be sitting members of Chief Pleas but who shall be elected by Chief Pleas.
- A quorum shall consist of three voting members.

### **MANDATE:**

1. To advise Chief Pleas on matters relating to agriculture and livestock and on the support and improvement of agriculture in Sark.
2. To advise Chief Pleas on safeguarding the living marine resources within Sark waters and managing, where appropriate, their exploitation in a sustainable manner to benefit the Sark population and within its responsibilities to the wider environment.
3. To make recommendations to the Policy Development Group, from time to time, as to any legislation which may be necessary for the fulfilment of the duties set out in this section.
4. To oversee and manage any Chief Pleas approved agricultural subsidy scheme.
5. To exercise the powers and duties conferred on it by extant legislation, Chief Pleas resolutions and any emergency orders relating to the movement, slaughter of livestock, and the prevention of access and other matters relating to agriculture and livestock in Sark.
6. To consult and liaise with any other Committee or administrative body on matters concerning agriculture or livestock in Sark.
7. To develop and oversee initiatives on matters concerning agriculture, horticulture, aquaculture, conservation, and the environment.

### **LEGISLATION**

See **Appendix 1**

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### **Ordinances**

- The Foot and Mouth Disease (Sark) Ordinance, 1952
- The Control of Dogs (Sark) Ordinance, 1970
- The Brucellosis (Sark) Ordinance, 1971
- The Swine Diseases (Sark) Ordinance, 1978
- The Bovine Animal Diseases (Amendment) (Sark) Ordinance, 1978  
*(Note: This amends the Brucellosis Ordinance of 1971 and are read together as the Bovine Animal Diseases (Sark) Ordinances 1971 and 1978)*
- The Foot and Mouth and Other Animal Diseases (Amendment)(Sark) Ordinance 1978  
*(Note: This amends the Foot and Mouth Ordinance of 1952 and this Ordinance and the Foot and Mouth Disease Ordinances, 1952 and 1971, may be cited together as the Animal Diseases (Sark) Ordinance 1952 to 1978)*
- The Swine Diseases (Amendment)(Sark) Ordinance, 1983
- The Bovine Animal Diseases (Amendment)(Sark) Ordinance, 1983
- The Noxious Weeds and Invasive Plants (Sark) Ordinance, 2001
- The Control of Dogs (Amendment)(Sark) Ordinance, 2008
- The Protection of Animals (Sark) Ordinance, 2008
- The Traps (Sark) Ordinance, 2013
  
- The Fishing (Parlour Pots)(Sark) Ordinance, 1992
- The Fishing (Sark) Ordinance, 1996
- The Scallops (Sark) Ordinance, 1998
- The Fishing (Sark)(Amendment) Ordinance, 2000
- The Fishing (Conservation of Small Cetaceans)(Sark) Ordinance, 2000
- The Sea Fish Licensing (Sark) Ordinance, 2003
- The Fishing (Sark)(Amendment) Ordinance, 2008
- The Fishing (Sark)(Amendment) Ordinance, 2009
- The Fishing (Sark)(Amendment) Ordinance, 2010
- The Fishing (Sark)(Amendment) Ordinance, 2013 (No. VII/2014)

### **Conventions**

- International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (**Not extended**)
- UK – Animal Welfare Bill
- UK – The Wildlife and Countryside Act
- BONN Convention – European Bats (EURBATS)
- Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES)
- Convention on Migratory Species
- International Convention on Plant Protection – Instrument of Acceptance
- RAMSAR Convention
- Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPS)
- Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants (**P&P lead**)
- UN Convention on Biological Diversity – Cartagena Protocol
- Agreement on the Conservation of Albatross and Petrels (**P&P lead**)

### **Agreements**

- MoU with States of Guernsey Veterinary Officer?
- The States of Guernsey Sea Fisheries Committee and the Sark Sea Fisheries Committee – Fisheries Management Agreement – 17<sup>th</sup> July 2003
- The UK Hydrographic Office (*approved Chief Pleas 6<sup>th</sup> July 2011*)

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