



Danvm Drainage Commissioners

Tenancy and Grazing Licence Policy

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1. Executive Summary

1.1. This document sets out the Tenancy and Grazing Licence Policy of the Board.

2. Policy Statement

2.1. The Board holds legal title to several parcels of land in its district not normally used by the Board in its statutory functions (“the Land”). For the benefit of local taxpayers, the Board shall seek to maximise potential income and/or secure the Land by entering tenancy agreements or issuing grazing licences.

2.2. The Board acknowledges the risk of potential conflict that may arise in its roles of Landowner and Land Drainage consenting Authority and this policy is intended to reduce this risk.

2.3. The Board will lease or licence the Land if:

- There is a likely net income to the Board once all other costs are taken into account.
- It suits the Board that the Land is in the control of others such as for occupancy (security) reasons in which case a nominal (peppercorn) amount may be charged.

2.4. Because the Board is not a commercial landlord and its staff and resources are not purposed for this role, day to day management of the Land will be managed by the Board’s appointed Land Agent who will be instructed by the CEO as follows:

- Maximise income from Board owned land.
- Assess the suitability of potential tenants or grazing licence holders based on previous agreements with the Board and/or references.
- Avoid the use of tenancy agreements for livestock use in favour of grazing licences.
- Manage tenancy agreements or licences on a 365 day, or as short a period as is reasonably practical ensuring as short as possible break clauses are included.
- Ensure tenancy agreements or licences are written to ensure they do not impinge on the Board’s operations and where possible align with the Board’s policies and local land drainage bylaws.
- Carry out inspections from time to time to ensure the Tenant/license holder complies with the agreement or licence.
- Communicate with the Tenant/license holder on all matters associated with the agreement or licence.

2.5. Upon adoption of this policy, notice shall be given to bring existing tenancies and licences to an end as soon as reasonably practical, after which previous tenants or licence holders may apply to the Board’s Agent for a new agreement or licence.