

MEMBERSHIP, APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR OF THE CONSERVATORS

Head of Service:

Piero Ionta, Head of Legal

Wards affected:

College Ward; Town Ward; Woodcote and Langley Vale Ward;

Appendices (attached):

Summary

This report confirms the membership of the Epsom and Walton Downs Conservators and requests the appointment of a Chair and Vice Chair.

Recommendation (s)

The Conservators are asked to:

- (1) That the following appointments to the Membership of the Conservators by the constituent bodies be noted:**
 - **Epsom and Ewell Borough Council (the Council): Councillors Christine Cleveland, Liz Frost, Bernice Froud, Steven McCormick, Kim Spickett and Clive Woodbridge;**
 - **Jockey Club Racecourses (the Company): Andrew Cooper, Simon Durrant and Stephen Wallis;**
 - **Horserace Betting Levy Board (the Levy Board): Simon Dow.**
- (2) That the Conservators appoint a Chair to hold office until the first meeting of the Conservators held after the Annual meeting of the Borough Council in May 2024.**
- (3) That the Conservators appoint a Vice Chair to hold office until the first meeting of the Conservators held after the Annual meeting of the Borough Council in May 2024.**

1 Reason for Recommendation

- 1.1 The Conservators are required to appoint a Chair and Vice Chair at their first meeting following the annual meeting of the Borough Council on 23 May 2023, in accordance with the decision of the meeting of the Conservators on 20 June 2022.

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2 Membership of the Conservators

2.1 The arrangements for appointment and term of office for members of the Epsom and Walton Downs Conservators is defined within the Epsom and Walton Downs Regulation Act 1984. Section 6 of the Act sets out that the Conservators shall have 10 Members, appointed by the constituent bodies as follows:

2.1.1 6 Members appointed by “the Council” (Epsom and Ewell Borough Council),

2.1.2 3 Members by “the Company” (Jockey Club Racecourses) and

2.1.3 1 Member by “the Levy Board” (Horserace Betting Levy Board).

2.2 The Clerk has received confirmation of the following appointments from the constituent bodies:

2.2.1 **The Council:** Councillors Christine Cleveland, Liz Frost, Bernice Froud, Steven McCormick, Kim Spickett, and Clive Woodbridge;

2.2.2 **The Company:** Andrew Cooper, Simon Durrant and Stephen Wallis;

2.2.3 **The Levy Board:** Simon Dow.

3 Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair

3.1 That the Conservators appoint a Chair and a Vice Chair to hold office for the next year, until the first meeting of the Conservators held after the Annual meeting of the Borough Council in May 2024.

4 Risk Assessment

4.1 A lack of clarity over the membership of the Conservators is likely to lead to significant legal, financial, administrative and reputational risks to the Conservators. It is therefore important that membership arrangements are confirmed, and are in accordance with the Epsom and Walton Downs Regulation Act 1984.

5 Financial Implications

5.1 None arising from the contents of this report.

5.2 **Chief Finance Officer’s comments:** None for the purposes of this report.

6 Legal Implications

6.1 The Membership of the Epsom and Walton Downs Conservators as detailed within this report is in accordance with the provisions of the Epsom and Walton Downs Regulation Act 1984.

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6.2 **Monitoring Officer's comments:** None for the purposes of this report.

7 Policies, Plans & Partnerships

7.1 **Council's Key Priorities:** Not relevant to this report.

7.2 **Service Plans:** Not relevant to this report.

7.3 **Climate & Environmental Impact of recommendations:** None arising from the contents of this report.

7.4 **Sustainability Policy & Community Safety Implications:** None arising from the contents of this report.

7.5 **Partnerships:** No implications arising from this report.

8 Background papers

8.1 The documents referred to in compiling this report are as follows:

Other papers:

- Epsom and Walton Downs Regulation Act 1984