

EPSOM AND WALTON DOWNS CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Monday 25 March 2024 at 6.00 pm

Place: Council Chamber, Epsom Town Hall

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The members listed below are summoned to attend the Epsom and Walton Downs Consultative Committee meeting, on the day and at the time and place stated, to consider the business set out in this agenda.

Committee Members

Councillor Steven McCormick (Chair)
Simon Durrant, Epsom Downs Racecourse
Councillor Bernice Froud
Sarah Rayfield, British Horse Society
Alex Stewart, Epsom Downs Riders Protection Society
Nigel Whybrow, Training Grounds Management Board

Representatives invited to attend

Caroline Baldock, Epsom Equestrian Conservation Team	Nick Harrison, Tattenham & Preston Residents' Association
Richard Balsdon, College Ward Residents' Association	Tom Sammes, Epsom Downs Racecourse
Jane Clarke, Woodcote Epsom Residents' Society (WERS)	Stuart Walker, Epsom Golf Club
Bob Eberhard, Epsom and Ewell Cycle Action Group	James Vincenti, Epsom Downs Model Aircraft Club
Nick Lock, Epsom Civic Society	Michael Hall, Epsom Downs Model Aircraft Club

Yours sincerely



Clerk to the Conservators

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Agreed by the Epsom and Walton Downs Consultative Committee: **17 March 2014**

Ratified by the Epsom and Walton Downs Conservators: **22 April 2014**

Terms of Reference:

To provide a means of regular consultation:-

- (a) on the future management and control of the tracks, rides, paths and areas for hack riding;
- (b) on the rights of horse riders on Epsom and Walton Downs pursuant to Section 15 of the Epsom and Walton Downs Regulation Act 1984 and the byelaws made under the Act; and
- (c) on any other matters affecting the use and enjoyment of the Downs by the public.

Membership (voting rights)

The Committee shall comprise:

- (a) two Council members, one of whom shall be the Chairman of the Epsom and Walton Downs Conservators (“the Conservators”);
- (b) a representative of Jockey Club Racecourses Ltd;
- (c) a representative of the trainers nominated by the Epsom and Walton Downs Training Grounds Management Board;
- (d) approved representative (and substitute as appropriate) from :-
 - (1) Epsom Downs Riders' Protection Association (or such other body or bodies for the time being as in the Conservators' view represents the interests of local horse riders);
 - (2) a representative of the British Horse Society;
- (e) such other persons as the Committee may co-opt on an ad-hoc basis for such period as the Committee may determine.

Quorum

A quorum of the Committee shall be three members including one member appointed by the Conservators and one representative of either the Epsom Downs Riders Protection Association (or such substitute body as may be specified under paragraph 3(d) above) or the British Horse Society.

Constitution document

The full Constitution of this Committee (detailing the membership, voting rights, administrative arrangements and other information) is available on Epsom and Ewell Borough Council's website at the following address: <https://democracy.epsom-ewell.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=173>

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AGENDA

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (Pages 7 - 12)

The Committee is asked to confirm as a true record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 16 October 2023 (attached) and to authorise the Chair to sign them.

2. MATTERS RAISED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS (Pages 13 - 16)

To consider matters raised by Members of the Epsom and Walton Downs Consultative Committee.

3. MATTERS RAISED FOR CONSIDERATION BY INVITED REPRESENTATIVES (Pages 17 - 20)

To discuss issues raised by representatives invited to attend the meeting of the Committee.

4. COMMITTEE ACTION TRACKER (Pages 21 - 24)

This report presents an update on the actions that came out of the Epsom and Walton Downs Consultative Committee Meeting on the 16 October 2023.

5. ITEMS FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE CONSERVATORS

To identify any items which the Committee wishes to be brought to the attention of the Conservators at their next meeting and nominate a spokesperson to present them if appropriate.

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Minutes of the Meeting of the EPSOM AND WALTON DOWNS CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE held at the Council Chamber, Epsom Town Hall on 16 October 2023

PRESENT -

Councillor Steven McCormick (Chair); Simon Durrant (Epsom Downs Racecourse), Councillor Bernice Froud, Sarah Rayfield (British Horse Society) and Nigel Whybrow (Training Grounds Management Board)

In Attendance: Caroline Baldock (Epsom Equestrian Conservation Team), Richard Balsdon (College Ward Residents' Association), Nick Harrison (Tattenham & Preston Residents' Association), Nick Lock (Epsom Civic Society), Roger Marples (Epsom Downs Model Aircraft Club) and James Vincenti (Epsom Downs Model Aircraft Club)

Absent: Alex Stewart (Epsom Downs Riders Protection Society), Jane Clarke (Woodcote Epsom Residents' Society (WERS)), Bob Eberhard (Epsom and Ewell Cycle Action Group), Tom Sammes (Epsom Downs Racecourse) and Stuart Walker (Epsom Golf Club)

Officers present: Jackie King (Chief Executive), Samantha Whitehead (Streetcare Manager) and Phoebe Batchelor (Democratic Services Officer)

6 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Epsom and Walton Downs Consultative Committee held on 14 December 2022 were agreed as a true record and the Chair was authorised to sign them.

7 MATTERS RAISED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Committee considered matters raised by Members.

The following matters raised by the Epsom Downs Riders' Protection Association Member were considered:

- a) **Condition of Hack Canter Ride at the top of Six Mile Hill.** The Committee were informed by the Council's Streetcare Manager that this will be added to the Winter Workplan for this year. The Chair informed the Committee that an update would be fed back to the Training Grounds Management Board.

- b) Protection from Damage to large noticeboards around the Downs.** The Committee were informed by the Streetcare Manager that the protective covering for the boards will be put up over the winter months and the old signs will be removed, to avoid any confusion and add clarity. The Streetcare Manager and Downskeepers are working with Surrey County Council Rights of Way to ensure that all signs for bridleways are in the right place. The Chair informed the committee that the byelaws will be put up on the noticeboards. This was confirmed by the Streetcare Manager, who also shared that maps and interpretation boards will be put up on the noticeboards over the winter.

The Committee received a comment from an invited representative regarding the inclusion of the Epsom Downs Model Aircraft Club site on the noticeboards. This was noted by the Council's Streetcare Manager for inclusion.

An additional item raised by Epsom and Ewell Borough Council Member was considered:

- c) Overgrown Vegetation.** The EEBC Member raised that residents in Roseberry Road had complained about vegetation encroaching into their back gardens from the Downs. The EEBC Member informed the Committee that the vegetation was cut back within 3 days of letting the Streetcare Manager know and queried whether that is the best route to proceed with when the vegetation needs to be cut back again. The Streetcare Manager confirmed that they should be told when it needs to be done again and explained that workplans are being created for the Lead Downskeeper to cover this in future.

Following consideration, the Committee resolved:

- (1) That it had considered the matters raised by members of the Committee as set out in the report.**

8 MATTERS RAISED FOR CONSIDERATION BY INVITED REPRESENTATIVES

The Committee considered issues raised by representatives invited to attend the meeting.

The following issues raised by the invited representatives were considered:

Woodcote Epsom Residents' Society (WERS), Councillor Bernice Froud on behalf of Jane Clarke;

- a) Maintenance of the Downs.** The Committee were informed by the Council's Streetcare Manager that the Downs Habitat Management Plan is very prescriptive in what areas should stay long and what areas should be cut short. The Streetcare Manager informed the Committee that the Habitat Management Plan has been written, by the Council's Countryside team, with the need to balance biodiversity with the racing industry in

mind and explained that the plan can be found on the EEBC website. The Committee were informed that the Habitat Management Plan is a live document which can change. The Chair highlighted that the TGMB had raised the issue that pollen poses for horses, and that this is going to be taken into consideration going forward.

Epsom Civic Society, Nick Lock and Epsom Equestrian Conservation Team, Caroline Baldock;

- b) **Noticeboards Content.** The Committee noted that this item was covered during Agenda item 2, issue number 2.
- c) **Spoil heaps of training track material.** The Training Grounds Management Board Member informed the Committee that there is a plan to make a start on recirculating the track material by the end of October 2023 and confirmed that it will be reused on the Downs, with whatever isn't used being disposed of. The TGMB Member explained that there is no finish date identified as of yet, but that the spoil heaps will begin to be dealt with soon and in close collaboration with the Streetcare Manager and Council Team. The Streetcare Manager highlighted that all the materials will be recycled. The Chair asked the TGMB Member if some of the items are recycled to/from other Jockey Club courses. The TGMB confirmed that is correct.

The Committee received a comment from an invited representative that the recycling of the material that came off the gallops is full of rocks and the rocks need to be removed or crushed in order to protect the horses. The TGMB Member confirmed to the Committee that the surface being used on the horse walks doesn't have any stones in, it's off the Polytrack and the bottom track and is a different surface.

- d) **Incorrect Signage.** The Streetcare Manager explained that there will be less confusion once the old signs are taken down over the winter months.

The Committee received a comment from an invited representative that it is important to highlight the official and accurate training days and times on the signs so that dog walkers are aware when they should have their dogs on leads and are not keeping them unnecessarily on the lead when they do not need to be. The Streetcare Manager explained that it was simpler and more consistent to keep 'before 12 o'clock Monday – Sunday' on the signs. The Committee were informed by the Streetcare Manager that the byelaws state that dogs must be under proper control at all times and the signs requiring dogs to be on a lead before 12 o'clock are a polite request that is followed by most visitors to the Downs, therefore, due to the under-control byelaw and another byelaw stating that nothing must interfere with the training of racehorses, there is sufficient room for the Downskeepers to enforce the byelaws and prosecute if necessary.

The Committee received a comment from an invited representative regarding the process of updating or changing the byelaws. The Chair

responded to explain that it is an item that would have to go to Conservators and legal work would need to be commissioned prior to a public consultation before being sent to the Secretary of State and then the byelaws being updated. The Streetcare Manager confirmed that it is a long and costly process but if dogs not being kept under control becomes a big problem, then it will go to Conservators.

Epsom Equestrian Conservation Team, Caroline Baldock;

- e) **Lark Nest.** It was noted that the Streetcare Manager would take this up with the Countryside team and feed back to the invited representative concerned.
- f) **Oak Trees.** The Streetcare Manager confirmed that the replanting of Oak Trees couldn't all be done in one year due to budgetary constraints but that it could be done over a succession of years, with one Oak Tree being planted over the next four years and managed within the existing budget.
- g) **Misplaced Signs for Bridleways.** The Streetcare Manager confirmed that they would be meeting the SCC Rights of Way Officer up on the Downs where they would be ensuring that all signs are in the correct place.
- h) **Crossing Lights for Farm Lane.** The Chair informed the Committee that they would follow up on this with SCC.
- i) **Dustbins.** The Streetcare Manager informed the Committee that they have not received any complaints regarding the bins since this was first looked into and rectified and confirmed that they would check with Downskeepers regarding any new issues with the bins.
- j) **Fencing on Tattenham Corner Road.** The Jockey Club Member informed the Committee that vandals had caused the gaps in the fence and that the Racecourse would be dealing with it in 2024.

Tattenham & Preston Residents' Association, Nick Harrison;

- k) **Public Toilets.** The Chair informed the Committee that if funding could be found then options could be explored for reinstating public toilets on the Downs. The Chair explained that it is not a current work item of the Conservators but could be looked at next year as a possibility.
- l) **Location of Ice Cream Van.** The Streetcare Manager informed the Committee that they would look into and start a conversation with the Vendor about looking at alternative sites.

The Committee received a comment from an invited representative pointing out that EEBC licence the Ice Cream Van so there is an onus on the Council to ensure no unnecessary risks are being taken. The

Streetcare Manager informed the Committee that a risk assessment will be done.

The Committee received a comment from an invited representative regarding Electric Vehicles and the fact that they are quieter and are more likely to not be heard by children and adults so could potentially cause an incident if the site was not moved to a more appropriate and safer setting.

College Ward Residents' Association, Richard Balsdon;

- m) **Sycamore Trees.** The Streetcare Manager agreed to consult with the Council's Tree Officer and the Countryside team to see what can be done regarding the Sycamore Trees in question.
- n) **Volunteer cleaning of Grandstand Road Carpark.** The Clerk to the Conservators suggested that the volunteer could be invited to have tea with the Mayor and receive a certificate or award for their continued hard work and contribution to the Downs.

The Committee received a comment from an invited representative regarding the anti-social behaviour which occurs in the Grandstand Road Car Park and whether it is allowed to continue there in a semi-contained environment in order to take pressure off of other areas in the borough where this kind of behaviour could occur. The Chair responded to state that there is no agreement or understanding that allows the anti-social in Grandstand Road Car Park to focus there and continued to explain that if it becomes a growing issue, then it can be raised with the Crime & Disorder Committee and the Police to deal with further.

The Streetcare Manager explained to the Committee that the Police rely on the number of reports they receive, so people have to keep reporting the issue until it appears on their radar and efforts will go into targeting the behaviour that occurs in and around the Grandstand Road Car Park. The Committee were informed that there is a Public Space Protection order for Psychoactive Substances, which means that they can be confiscated, by the Police and certain Council officers.

An invited representative raised an additional matter that was considered;

- o) **EDMAC Blue Badge Parking.** An invited representative queried if the approved disabled parking spaces for EDMAC would continue to be voted through every year when they come up for consideration again by the Conservators. The Chair agreed to look at the June 2023 Conservators decision and come back to the representative.

Following consideration, the Committee resolved:

- (1) **That it had considered the matters raised by invited representatives as set out in this report.**

9 ITEMS FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE CONSERVATORS

The Committee did not identify any items from the meeting which would require verbal representation to the Conservators.

The Chair informed the Committee that Agenda Item 2, issues 1 and 2 and Agenda Item 3, issues 3, 6, 12 and 13 would be followed up on before the next Consultative Committee Meeting.

The meeting began at 6.00 pm and ended at 6.54 pm

COUNCILLOR STEVEN MCCORMICK (CHAIR)

MATTERS RAISED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Head of Service: Jackie King, Chief Executive
Wards affected: College Ward; Town Ward; Woodcote Ward;
Appendices (attached): None

Summary

To consider matters raised by Members of the Epsom and Walton Downs Consultative Committee.

Recommendation (s)

The Committee is asked to:

- (1) Consider the matters raised by members of the Committee as set out in this report.

1 Reason for Recommendation

- 1.1 Section 7 c of the Constitution of the Epsom and Walton Downs Consultative Committee permits any member of the Committee to have an item included on the agenda subject to the item being delivered to the Clerk at least 10 days before the next meeting of the Committee.
- 1.2 Accordingly, this report informs the Committee of items requested for this meeting by Members of the Committee.

2 Items requested by Members

- 2.1 The following matters have been requested by the Epsom Downs Riders' Protection Association Member, Alex Stewart:

1: Condition of Hack ride at the top of Six Mile Hill

Update on item raised at 16/10/23 meeting.

2: Protection from damage to large notice boards around the Downs

Update on item raised at 16/10/23 meeting.
3: Fibre Sand Gallop
Unfriendly horse crossing of fibre sand gallop on Walton Road approaching woods.
4: Maintenance of hack grass gallop on lower Six Mile Hill
Very, very deep in parts.
5: Re-surfacing of horse track from Langley Vale behind Downs House
Re-surfacing includes many stones/rocks.
6: Warning Signage
Need for warning signage of the Hack grass gallop on Six Mile Hill for the attention of the public and particularly dog walkers.
7: Racehorse Winter Gallops
Timings of use of racehorse winter gallops across lower part of middle-hill and alongside the access road and the need for public notification.
8: Racehorses
It has been observed that racehorses have been exercising in the mornings up the hack area gallop alongside Philip Mitchell's former yard. I understand that they may be from a yard next to Ermyn Lodge at a place called the Limes which is currently working towards their license requirements. While appreciating that they will not currently have access to the training gallops, emerging unexpectedly at speed from around the dog-leg at the foot of the stretch is totally unexpected and extremely dangerous to any hack rider progressing up the hill.

3 Risk Assessment

Legal or other duties

3.1 Equality Impact Assessment

3.1.1 None.

3.2 Crime & Disorder

3.2.1 None.

3.3 Safeguarding

3.3.1 None.

3.4 Dependencies

3.4.1 None.

3.5 Other

3.5.1 None.

4 Financial Implications

4.1 None.

4.2 **Section 151 Officer's comments:** None for the purposes of this report.

5 Legal Implications

5.1 None.

5.2 **Legal Officer's comments:** None for the purposes of this report.

6 Policies, Plans & Partnerships

6.1 **Council's Key Priorities:** Not applicable.

6.2 **Service Plans:** Not applicable.

6.3 **Climate & Environmental Impact of recommendations:** None.

6.4 **Sustainability Policy & Community Safety Implications:** None.

6.5 **Partnerships:** None.

7 Background papers

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

Previous reports:

- [Epsom and Walton Downs Consultative Committee, 12 January 2022](#)

Other papers:

- [Constitution of the Epsom and Walton Downs Consultative Committee](#)

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MATTERS RAISED FOR CONSIDERATION BY INVITED REPRESENTATIVES

Head of Service:	Jackie King, Chief Executive
Wards affected:	College Ward; Town Ward; Woodcote and Langley Vale Ward;
Appendices (attached):	None

Summary

To discuss issues raised by representatives invited to attend the meeting of the Committee.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to:

- (1) Consider the matters raised by invited representatives as set out in this report.**

1 Reason for Recommendation

- 1.1 Section 4 of the Constitution of the Epsom and Walton Downs Consultative Committee sets out that a number of representatives will be invited to attend meetings of the Committee and may participate in the discussions (but not vote) on items. The Chair has agreed to permit invited representatives to raise matters within the terms of reference of the Committee and to be included on the agenda subject to the item being delivered to the Clerk at least 10 days before the next meeting of the Committee.
- 1.2 Accordingly, this report informs the Committee of matters raised for consideration by invited representatives for this meeting by Members of the Committee.

2 Background

- 2.1 The following issues have been requested:

Lower Mole Partnership Representative, Sarah Clift

1: Epsom and Walton Downs Habitat Management Plan and Epsom Downs Golf Course Habitat Management Plan

The progress on implementation of both the habitat management plans should be included as standing items on the agenda. In particular, grassland management should be discussed as there are achievements to be noted and further work to be prioritised.

2: Vegetation Dump Near Rifle Butts Alley

Concern as plastic waste has been seen accumulating. Generally unsightly and concern for leaching of nutrients.

College Ward Residents' Association, Richard Balsdon

1: Notice Boards

Please can we have an update on when these will be completed. Is there the intention to include a map of the Downs?

2: Signage

At the 22/1 Conservators' meeting a mention was made of other signage and ways to "educate" Downs' users. Has anything been progressed on this subject?

Epsom Downs Model Aircraft Club (EDMAC), James Vincenti

1: Additional Signage

We now seem to be stuck with the new path that appeared during the Covid19 era and crosses directly across our flying site runway and pits areas. We would like to understand what the options might be for adding addition signs ourselves on the noticeboards to advise the public that model flying takes place on the racecourse.

2: Drones and Smaller Toy-Grade RC Aircraft

We have noticed an increase in drones and smaller toy-grade RC aircraft on the downs. We have also been told that some people have been observed flying from our runway outside of the agreed times. Our own inquiries have led us to conclude these are not members of EDMAC. We would like to encourage the

Downs Rangers to check those flying on the downs have EDMAC-issued membership passes.

Epsom Civic Society, Nick Lock

1: Back of Sign Boards

You can see that the back of the boards (which in many cases are as prominent as the front) now tend to show copies of the byelaws. Unfortunately, these are printed on white sticky-back plastic which has tended to crease and buckle when applied to the board, so the overall effect is very disappointing. Epsom Civic Society hopes that the material for the front of the boards will be printed on something more durable. We were assured at the last meeting that the boards would be treated with preservative and would have the materials inserted over the winter, but it looks like another deadline has been missed.

3 Risk Assessment

Legal or other duties

3.1 Equality Impact Assessment

3.1.1 None.

3.2 Crime & Disorder

3.2.1 None.

3.3 Safeguarding

3.3.1 None.

3.4 Dependencies

3.4.1 None.

3.5 Other

3.5.1 None.

4 Financial Implications

4.1 None.

4.2 **Section 151 Officer's comments:** None for the purposes of this report.

5 Legal Implications

5.1 None.

5.2 **Legal Officer's comments:** None for the purposes of this report.

6 Policies, Plans & Partnerships

6.1 **Council's Key Priorities:** Not applicable.

6.2 **Service Plans:** Not applicable.

6.3 **Climate & Environmental Impact of recommendations:** None.

6.4 **Sustainability Policy & Community Safety Implications:** None.

6.5 **Partnerships:** None.

7 Background papers

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

Previous reports:

- None.

Other papers:

- [Constitution of the Epsom and Walton Downs Consultative Committee](#)

COMMITTEE ACTION TRACKER

Head of Service:	Jackie King, Chief Executive
Wards affected:	College Ward; Town Ward; Woodcote and Langley Vale Ward;
Appendices (attached):	Appendix 1 – Committee Action Tracker

Summary

This report presents an update on the actions that came out of the Epsom and Walton Downs Consultative Committee Meeting on the 16 October 2023.

Recommendation (s)

The Committee is asked to:

- (1) Note the status and update on actions listed in the Committee Action Tracker**

1 Reason for Recommendation

- 1.1 To provide the Consultative Committee with updates on action items that were expressed at the previous meeting and inform the Committee of the target completion date for each item.

2 Background

- 2.1 An Action Tracker spreadsheet was compiled following the October 2023 Meeting of the Committee. The table in Appendix 1 provides an update on progress.

3 Risk Assessment

Legal or other duties

- 3.1 Equality Impact Assessment
 - 3.1.1 No equality issues arise as a consequence of the contents of this report.
- 3.2 Crime & Disorder
 - 3.2.1 No issues arise as a consequence of the contents of this report.

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3.3 Safeguarding

3.3.1 No issues arise as a consequence of the contents of this report.

3.4 Dependencies

3.4.1 None.

3.5 Other

3.5.1 Not applicable.

4 Financial Implications

4.1 **Section 151 Officer's comments:** None for the purposes of this report.

5 Legal Implications

5.1 **Legal Officer's comments:** None for the purposes of this report.

6 Policies, Plans & Partnerships

6.1 **Council's Key Priorities:** The following Key Priorities are engaged: N/A

6.2 **Service Plans:** The matter is not included within the current Service Delivery Plan.

6.3 **Climate & Environmental Impact of recommendations:** None.

6.4 **Sustainability Policy & Community Safety Implications:** None.

6.5 **Partnerships:** None.

7 Background papers

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

Previous reports:

- None.

Other papers:

- None.

Epsom & Walton Downs Consultative Committee Action Tracker 2023-2024

Issue No.	Issue Subject	Follow-up Action	Contact	Deadline	Update - Comments
1	Condition of Hack Canter Ride	> added to the Winter Workplan for this year	Streetcare Manager	Feb-24	Update delivered verbally at the Meeting on 25/03/24
2	Noticeboards on the Downs	> to put up noticeboard content and protective covering	Streetcare Manager	Feb-24	Update delivered verbally at the Meeting on 25/03/24
3	Spoil Heaps	> removal / recycling of spoil heaps on the downs > work to start Oct 23	Nigel Whybrow and Streetcare Manager	Feb-24	Update delivered verbally at the Meeting on 25/03/24
4	Oak Trees	> (potential) planting of an Oak Tree > talk to Nigel to determine exact location	Streetcare Manager	Nov-27	8/3/24 This item is currently in progress - the Streetcare Manager is in conversation with Nigel Whybrow to determine the location the new trees will be planted. The Council's Tree Officer will be providing assistance on procuring the new trees.
5	Ice Cream Van	> risk assessment of current location of ice cream van > start conversation with vendor about potentially moving pitch/location	Streetcare Manager	May-24	8/3/24 This item is currently in progress - the Streetcare Manager will make contact with the vendor.
6	Sycamore Trees	> discussion regarding management of sycamore trees on the downs > recognition and research into the potential threat they pose to horses	Streetcare Manager (and Tree Officer and Countryside Team)	May-24	8/3/24 This item is currently in progress - the Streetcare Manager is in conversations with the Countryside Team to further understand the potential threat posed to horses.
7	Grandstand Road Car Park Volunteer	> discussion with Mayor regarding the inviting of volunteer to have tea in the Mayor's Parlour > organising of tea with the mayor and an award / certificate for volunteers continued hard work	Chief Executive	Jan-24	19/1/24 Unfortunately both volunteers declined any recognition so not progressed at their request.
8	Toilets on the Downs	> To assess the options for the future provision of a toilet facility at the Downs	Head of Property & Regeneration and Streetcare Manager	N/A	11/2/24 No budget provision for either construction or ongoing maintenance. Chair to look into this further.

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