

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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Annexes/Appendices (attached): None
Other available papers (not attached): none

Report summary

This report presents an update on issues raised at previous meetings.

Recommendation (s)

- (1) That the Conservators note the current situation on issues raised previously.**

1 Maintenance of the hack sand track, foot of Walton Downs

- 1.1 Following concerns around maintenance of the hack stand track, the Council on behalf of the Conservators wrote to the Horse Betting Levy Board in March 2017. This was followed by in September 2017. Neither letter was responded to.
- 1.2 Emails were then sent in March 2018 to the Board for a response to the letters of March and September 2017. In April 2018 the Board responded that following meetings with the Jockey Club and Epsom Downs Riders Association, they should be in a position respond thereafter.
- 1.3 In May 2018 the Board confirmed they were still continuing with their investigation of the issues.
- 1.4 In June 2018 the Council requested an update, the Board confirmed that they were still looking at matters and confirmed they were committed to a resolution.
- 1.5 At the September 2018 meeting of the Epsom & Walton Downs Consultative Committee, a representative raised serious concerns about the state of the track. Another member of the Committee confirmed that he had been in contact with relevant ministers and assurances were given about resolving matters before the Board was disbanded.

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- 1.6 By way of background, the Horserace Betting Levy Board is a small arm's length body of the Department of Digital, Culture, Media & Sport. Following reforms, it has been agreed that the functions of the Horse Betting Levy Board will be absorbed by Gambling Commission and by the Racing Authority. It is hoped that the new arrangements will be in place no later than April 2019.
- 1.7 In September 2018, the Council requested a further update and drew attention to the concerns being raised by both stakeholders and users of the track. A response is awaited.

Ward(s) Affected: College Ward; Woodcote Ward;