

## **MEMBERSHIP, APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE CONSERVATORS**

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**Annexes/Appendices (attached):**

**Other available papers (not attached):** Epsom and Walton Downs Regulation Act 1984

### **Report summary**

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

### **Recommendation (s)**

- (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 Lucie Dallen, Liz Frost, Bernice Froud, Jan Mason, Steven McCormick and Clive Woodbridge;**
  - **Jockey Club Racecourses (the Company): Andrew Cooper, Simon Durrant and Nigel Whybrow;**
  - **Horserace Betting Levy Board (the Levy Board): Simon Dow.**
- (2) That the Conservators appoint a Chairman to hold office until the first meeting of the Conservators held after the Annual meeting of the Borough Council in May 2020.**
- (3) That the Conservators appoint a Vice Chairman to hold office until the first meeting of the Conservators held after the Annual meeting of the Borough Council in May 2020.**

## **1 Membership of the Conservators**

- 1.1 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:

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1.1.1 6 Members appointed by “the Council” (Epsom and Ewell Borough Council),

1.1.2 3 Members by “the Company” (Jockey Club Racecourses) and

1.1.3 1 Member by “the Levy Board” (Horserace Betting Levy Board).

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

1.2.1 **The Council:** Councillors Lucie Dallen, Liz Frost, Bernice Froud, Jan Mason, Steven McCormick and Clive Woodbridge;

1.2.2 **The Company:** Andrew Cooper, Simon Durrant and Nigel Whybrow;

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

## 2 Appointment of Chairman and Vice Chairman

2.1 That the Conservators appoint a Chairman and a Vice Chairman 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 2020.

## 3 Financial and Manpower Implications

3.1 None arising from the contents of this report.

3.2 **Chief Finance Officer’s comments:** None arising from the contents of this report.

## 4 Legal Implications (including implications for matters relating to equality)

4.1 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.

4.2 **Monitoring Officer’s comments:** None arising from the contents of this report.

## 5 Sustainability Policy and Community Safety Implications

5.1 None arising from the contents of this report.

## 6 Partnerships

6.1 No implications arising from this report.

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### **7 Risk Assessment**

- 7.1 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.

### **8 Conclusion and Recommendations**

- 8.1 The Conservators are requested to note the appointments to their membership by the constituent bodies, and appoint a Chairman and Vice Chairman for the next year.

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