

STRATEGIC RISK REGISTER

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Wards affected: College Ward; Town Ward; Woodcote and Langley Vale Ward;

Appendices (attached):

Summary

To present the Strategic Risk Register for the Conservators, which covers the risks, mitigations, responsibility and action required to manage the risks identified.

Recommendation (s)

The Conservators are asked to:

(1) Agree the Strategic Risk Register.

1 Reason for Recommendation

1.1 This report provides an update of the annual strategic risk register, reflecting changes in usage due to societal and other developments which impact the users of the Downs.

2 Background

2.1 The Conservators have particular responsibilities as a group and as a partnership working with each other. The risk register highlights the responsibilities which the Conservators have and how each of the risks are mitigated.

2.2 An annual review of the risk register is required to ensure potential risks to the overall management of the Downs are identified, recorded, and mitigation measures considered and implemented.

2.3 Effective risk management is an integral part of ensuring services are delivered. Managing risks can have a major impact in meeting priorities and delivering responsibilities and there are several arrangements in place to do this.

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- 2.4 The function of a strategic risk register is to provide focus on good practices, raise awareness of risks, take actions to reduce their impact and likelihood, and support horizon scanning.
- 2.5 It is proposed that the strategic risk register be agreed and modified as necessary, and in line with context, circumstances and environment in which the Conservators operate.

3 Review of Risks

- 3.1 Appendix 1 sets out the strategic risk register for the Conservators and covers health and safety, legal responsibility, insurance, and event management. Many risks are managed daily through internal controls, policies and procedures.
- 3.2 All risks have been reviewed and mitigations updated as necessary. Three risks have been retired since the last register was published, with the reasons included on page 4 of Appendix 1. One new risk has been added regarding future beacon lighting events.
- 3.3 The risks are scored according to the risk matrix included on the final page of Appendix 1.

4 Risk Assessment

Legal or other duties

- 4.1 Equality Impact Assessment
 - 4.1.1 None arising from the contents of this report.
- 4.2 Crime & Disorder
 - 4.2.1 None arising from the contents of this report.
- 4.3 Safeguarding
 - 4.3.1 None arising from the contents of this report.
- 4.4 Dependencies
 - 4.4.1 Risk management requires the contributions and oversight of all partners.
- 4.5 Other
 - 4.5.1 None arising from the contents of this report.

5 Financial Implications

- 5.1 There are no specific financial implications for the purposes of this report.

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5.2 **Section 151 Officer's comments:** None arising from the contents of this report.

6 Legal Implications

6.1 There are no specific legal implications for the purposes of this report.

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

7 Policies, Plans & Partnerships

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

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

7.3 **Climate & Environmental Impact of recommendations:**

7.4 **Sustainability Policy & Community Safety Implications:** The strategic risk register covers the impacts of events and the usage of the Downs, which will be closely monitored, and the register reviewed as necessary.

7.5 **Partnerships:** The Jockey Club, Training Grounds Management Board and Epsom and Ewell Borough Council are represented by Members on the Conservators committee.

8 Background papers

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

Previous reports:

- Epsom and Walton Downs Conservators (2022) *Strategic Risk Register*, 20th June, Section 7. Online available: [Epsom and Ewell Democracy \(epson-ewell.gov.uk\)](https://www.epson-ewell.gov.uk) [last accessed 15/05/2023].

Other papers:

- None.