

RISK REGISTER

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Wards affected:	College Ward; Town Ward; Woodcote and Langley Vale Ward;
Appendices (attached):	Appendix 1 – EWDC Strategic Risk Register

Summary

This report presents the risk register for the Epsom and Walton Downs for review and note by the Conservators.

Recommendation (s)

The Conservators are asked to:

Review, and note the strategic risk register located at Appendix 1.

1 Reason for Recommendation

- 1.1 It is good practice for the Conservators to have and regularly review a risk register for the Downs. By identifying and assessing potential risks to the Downs, the Conservators can gain assurance that its condition is being maintained adequately, habitats are protected, and the proper controls are in place to protect the public and activities held on the Downs.

2 Background

- 2.1 The Conservators have particular responsibilities as a group and as a partnership working collaboratively. Maintaining a risk register is therefore a prudent activity to support the proactive management of the Downs.
- 2.2 When this was last considered by the committee two risks were added. These risks feature towards the end of the document, and relate to the risk of fire (EWDC17) and the risk of pollen affecting horses / jockeys (EWDC18).

3 Risk register review

- 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.

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3.2 The risks are scored according to the following risk matrix:

Likelihood	4 Very likely	4	8	12	16
	3 Likely	3	6	9	12
	2 Possible	2	4	6	8
	1 Remote	1	2	3	4
Multipier		1 Insignificant	2 Minor	3 Major	4 Severe
		Impact			

Key

	High risks
	Medium risks
	Low risks
	Risk tolerance boundary

3.3 The committee is asked to review and note the risk register and make recommendations for amendments if required.

4 Risk Assessment

Legal or other duties

4.1 Equality Impact Assessment

4.1.1 None arise from this report.

4.2 Crime & Disorder

4.2.1 Issues of crime and disorder are considered in the risk register.

4.3 Safeguarding

4.3.1 Issues of safeguarding are considered in the risk register.

4.4 Dependencies

4.4.1 The risk register demonstrates dependencies on mitigating risks and the necessity for contributions from all partners.

4.5 Other

4.5.1 None arising from the contents of this report.

5 Financial Implications

5.1 No direct implications.

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

6 Legal Implications

6.1 **Legal Officer's comments:** None arising from the contents of this report.

7 Policies, Plans & Partnerships

7.1 **Council's Key Priorities:** The following Key Priorities are engaged:

- 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:** some of the risks considered are as a result of climate change.

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 (2023) *Strategic Risk Register*, 19th June 2023. Online available: <https://democracy.epsom-ewell.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=170&MId=1437> [no. 37, last accessed 05/12/2023].

Other papers:

- None.