

## EVENTS ON THE DOWNS

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| <b>Head of Service:</b>       | Ian Dyer, Head of Operational Services                   |
| <b>Wards affected:</b>        | College Ward; Town Ward; Woodcote and Langley Vale Ward; |
| <b>Appendices (attached):</b> | Appendix 1 – Course Map                                  |

### Summary

To approve a request from Cancer Research UK to hold the annual Race for Life Event on the Downs in 2024.

### Recommendation (s)

#### The Conservators are asked to:

- (1) Approve the application from Cancer Research UK to hold the 2024 Race for Life Event on the Downs.**

## 1 Reason for Recommendation

- 1.1 The Cancer Research Race for Life event has been successfully held on the Downs for over ten years and the event team are experts in their field, ensuring a professional and safe event.

## 2 Background

- 2.1 An application has been received from the Cancer Research Race for Life event team requesting their annual event to be held on the Downs on 16 June 2024.
- 2.2 The event organisers are planning for an event of around 1600 participants and spectators, which is lower than previous years.
- 2.3 As usual, the event organisers have made a preliminary booking with the Racecourse for the event, which will be confirmed if Conservators grant permission.
- 2.4 In 2020, the event organisers launched a 3km course in addition to the usual 5km course to encourage more people to take part. The map attached in Appendix one of this report, shows both the 3km and 5km courses for the Downs.

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### 3 Risk Assessment

Legal or other duties

#### 3.1 Equality Impact Assessment

3.1.1 Events on the Downs have the capacity to impact on other users and the horse race training community. The presence of the Events Strategy and the proposed approval mechanism limits the risk of too many events being held and ensures minimal disruption to all Downs users.

#### 3.2 Crime & Disorder

3.2.1 All events organisers must carry out the necessary risk assessments to ensure they have considered how they will deal with crime and disorder associated with their event. If appropriate, events applications will be referred to the Council's Safety Advisory Group (SAG) so that advice can be given.

#### 3.3 Safeguarding

3.3.1 Event risk assessments must include details of how the organisers will ensure safeguarding throughout their event.

#### 3.4 Dependencies

3.4.1 None for the purpose of this report.

#### 3.5 Other

3.5.1 None.

### 4 Financial Implications

4.1 Events on the Downs generate an income stream for the Epsom and Walton Downs Conservators. The Race for Life event typically generates fee income of £1680, which is included in the Conservators' annual budget.

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

### 5 Legal Implications

5.1 Under section 14 of the Epsom & Walton Downs Regulation Act 1984 provision was made for 16 racing days and under section 10 (2) large scale events. The actual wording of Section 10 (2) is as follows:

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, or in any byelaws made under this Act the Conservators may, with the consent of the Council and the Company or the Owner or the Levy Board, as the case may require,

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permit the Downs to be used for the holding of such events other than horse races as they think fit:

Provided that in the case of such events which, in the opinion of the Conservators involve a significant degree of interference with the rights of the public of access for air and exercise under section 4 (Rights of public over Downs) or section 15 (Rights of horse riders on Downs) of this Act-

- (a) the Downs shall not be so used for such events for more than five days in any one year; and
- (b) not more than 25 hectares of the Downs shall be set apart for the holding of any such event.

5.2 **Legal Officer's comments:** The legal implications are contained within this report. The Conservators have the power to approve the request for the Race for Life event to take place.

## 6 Policies, Plans & Partnerships

6.1 **Council's Key Priorities:** The following Key Priorities are engaged: As all the events on the Downs contribute to the health and wellbeing of residents and visitors, the key priority of Safe and Well is engaged.

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:** Event organisers have bespoke risk assessments in place to minimise community safety implications.

6.5 **Partnerships:** Event organisers, the Jockey Club and the TGMB work in partnership to ensure events run safely and with minimum disruption.

## 7 Background papers

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

### Previous reports:

- Events on the Downs agreed on 24 January 2022
- Events on the Downs agreed on 16 January 2023
- Review of Events on the Downs agreed on 23 January 2014
- Event Management Strategy agreed on 27 June 2011

### Other papers:

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- None.