

Epsom and Walton Downs Conservators

26 January 2026

RISK REGISTER

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

Summary

This report presents the risk register for Epsom and Walton Downs (EWD) for review and note by the Conservators

Recommendation (s)

The Conservators are asked to:

- (1) 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 the risk register for EWD. By identifying and assessing potential risks to the EWD, 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, other users 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 EWD.
- 2.2 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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2.3 The risks are scored according to the following risk matrix

Likelihood	Multiplier	4	8	12	16
		3	6	9	12
		2	4	6	8
		1	2	3	4
		1	2	3	4
Impact		Insignificant	Medium	High	Severe

Key

Red	High risks
Amber	Medium risks
Green	Low risks
Yellow	Risk tolerance boundary

2.4 The Conservators are asked to review and note the risk register and make recommendations for amendments if required.

3 Risk Assessment

Legal or other duties

3.1 Equality Impact Assessment

3.1.1 None arising from this report although when carrying out events on EWD an EqIA will be carried out, if appropriate.

3.2 Crime & Disorder

3.2.1 None arising from this report but there are events where crime and disorder are considered as risks and for which action will be taken to prevent or mitigate such risks.

3.3 Safeguarding

3.3.1 One of the risks that we have is about the need to consider safeguarding when holding events on EWD.

3.4 Dependencies

3.4.1 None.

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3.5 Other

3.5.1 None.

4 Financial Implications

4.1 The risks as set out in appendix 1 have both financial and non-financial consequences, therefore sound risk management is important.

4.2 **Section 151 Officer's comments:** None

5 Legal Implications

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

6 Policies, Plans & Partnerships

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

- Risk Management Strategy

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

6.3 **Climate & Environmental Impact of recommendations:** None directly.

6.4 **Sustainability Policy & Community Safety Implications:** None directly.

6.5 **Partnerships:** E&WDC is a partnership.

6.6 **Local Government Reorganisation Implications:** It is assumed that the new unitary authority will assume the responsibilities of EEBC but this will be confirmed in the period leading up to April 1, 2027.

7 Background papers

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

Previous reports:

- None

Other papers:

- **EWDC 7 - Toilets on the Downs – [November 2021 Conservators Report](#)**