

**ITEMS OF INTEREST DISCUSSED BY THE TRAINING GROUNDS
MANAGEMENT BOARD (TGMB)**

Report of the: Chairman of the Conservators
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Annexes/Appendices (attached): None
Other available papers (not attached):

REPORT SUMMARY

This report provides the Conservators with an update on items considered by the Epsom and Walton Downs Training Grounds Management Board.

1 Items considered by the Training Grounds Management Board (TGMB)

- 1.1 The TGMB last met on 3 April 2017. The Chairman of the Conservators and Training Grounds Manager (Mr Nigel Whybrow) have provided the following report on items considered by the Board, for the Conservators' information.
- 1.1.1 **Horses in Training.** The Board discussed the positive number of horses using the training grounds in the first few months of this year and hoped that this would continue.
- 1.1.2 **Downskeeper recruitment and Hack Rider encroachment.** The TGMB was pleased to hear that interviews were due to start shortly to fill the current Downskeeper vacancy, as encroachment on the training gallops by hack riders continues to be a real problem on the training grounds.
- 1.1.3 **Kempton Park Racecourse.** The possible closure of Kempton Park racecourse was discussed including the impact this could have on local trainers, as 25% of Epsom trained horses run at Kempton.
- 1.1.4 **Hatched Area.** The TGMB noted that the Epsom and Walton Downs Consultative Committee had welcomed its proposed plans regarding the hatched area, and the TGMB has the necessary work to repair the ground in their work plan.
- 1.1.5 **Vision for Epsom and Walton Downs.** The TGMB is now actively promoting its Vision for Epsom and Walton Downs.