

**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 28 November 2017, and its next meeting will be on 18 January 2018, following publication of this agenda. 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.

2 Horses in training

2.1 The numbers of horses both in yard and in training continues to show a slight improvement on the previous year. The number of winners trained in Epsom during 2017 as also slightly higher than in 2016.

3 Equestrian crossing outside the Queen's Stand

3.1 There have been concerns for many years about the safety of the horse crossing across Ashley Road beside the Queen's Stand. Various proposals have been made, but not come to fruition. A relatively simple, short term improvement would be to replace the current operation buttons with larger ones. Despite TGMB being willing to fund this, SCC have been unable to action it.

4 Business Improvement District (BID)

4.1 The Racecourse was part of the recent BID project, and the TGMB are broadly supportive of it, feeling that it will bring greater opportunities to promote the training industry, in line with the Epsom Vision.

5 Inspection of the Gallops and Schooling Facilities

- 5.1 A British Horseracing Authority inspection was recently undertaken on the Gallops and Schooling Facilities at Epsom. The report was extremely positive. The one point that it did show was that our National Hunt fences were not up to standard. Although the main training in Epsom is for flat racing, there are training fences available, and so these are being replaced to ensure a consistently good standard of facilities.