

REPORT OF THE HEAD DOWNSKEEPER

Report of the: Head of Operational Services
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Annexes/Appendices (attached): none
Other available papers (not attached):

REPORT SUMMARY

To receive the report of the Head Downskeeper.

RECOMMENDATION (S)

(1) That the Conservators note the contents of this report.

1 Staff

- 1.1 Following the recent retirement of a long-standing member of staff, we are now preparing a campaign to recruit to the two vacant Downskeeper positions.
- 1.2 The Streetcare Manager is currently working on a comprehensive training programme, which will be used as both an induction and refresher for new and existing staff. The training will cover the key elements of the Downskeeper's role such as health & safety, conflict management, horse handling and upholding the bye-laws.

2 Hack Riding Map

- 2.1 The Downskeepers have formulated an easy-to-interpret version of the hack riding map, which will assist hack riders using the Downs.
- 2.2 The map is now with a graphic designer and as soon as the draft version is available, it will be circulated to the relevant stakeholders for their comments and input.
- 2.3 Once the map is agreed, it will be made into a leaflet and will be available for distribution both on the Downs and to local livery yards.
- 2.4 An online version will also be available on the Council's website.

3 Events

3.1 All recent events have passed without incident.