

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS & OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

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Annexes/Appendices (attached): **Annex 1** – Statement from HBLB regarding reform of its functions
Other available papers (not attached): none

Report summary

This report presents an update on issues raised at previous meetings.

Recommendation (s)

- (1) That the Conservators note the current situation on issues raised previously.**

1 Maintenance of the hack sand track, foot of Walton Downs

- 1.1 The Council first wrote to the Horserace Betting Levy Board (HBLB) on 20 September 2016 in relation to the responsibility for maintenance of the Hack Sand Track. Having not received a response, a further letter was sent on 24 March 2017. Unfortunately again no response was received. Since March 2018, the Council has been actively seeking a dialogue with the HBLB to address the issues and on the 9 May 2018, a response was received.
- 1.2 The HBLB have confirmed they are in discussions with the Jockey Club and also the Epsom Downs Riders Association to understand the specific issues and obligations. They are currently investigating where the maintenance responsibility rests following HBLB's disposal a leasehold interest of Epsom Downs racecourse to the Jockey Club in the 1990s and then the freehold in the 2000s.
- 1.3 The HBLB appreciates that a conclusion needs to be reached and certainly before its functions are transferred to the Gambling Commission later this year (as detailed in **Annex 1**).

Ward(s) Affected: College Ward; Woodcote Ward;