

<b>Committee(s)</b>	<b>Dated:</b>
Epping Forest and Commons Committee	<b>11 March 2019</b>
<b>Subject:</b> The Commons Management Priorities 2019-20	<b>Public</b>
<b>Report of:</b> The Superintendent of The Commons	<b>For Decision</b>
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<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>Each of the nine open spaces in the division has a comprehensive management plan and detailed work programmes to guide management from 2011 until 2021.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Recommendation</b></p> <p>Members are asked to:</p> <p>Approve the management priorities for The Commons for the period 2019-20.</p>	

## **Main Report**

### **Background**

The work prioritised in the management plans and work programmes, together with any additional project work and organisation requirements forms a set of annual management priorities. These are presented as:

**Appendix 1** – Ashtead Common

**Appendix 2** – Burnham Beeches and Stoke Common

**Appendix 3** – West Wickham and Coulsdon Commons

### **Current Position**

The management priorities have been presented to local consultative groups for information.

### **Corporate & Strategic Implications**

The management priorities support the City of London's Corporate Plan 2018-23:

## **Contributes to a Flourishing Society**

- People enjoy good health and wellbeing.
- People have equal opportunities to enrich their lives and reach their full potential.
- Communities are cohesive and have the facilities they need.

## **Shapes outstanding environments**

- We have clean air, land and water and a thriving and sustainable natural environment
- Our spaces are secure, resilient and well maintained.

The management priorities also support the Open Spaces Department Business Plan:

### **A. Open spaces and historic sites are thriving and accessible.**

1. Our open spaces, heritage and cultural assets are protected, conserved and enhanced
2. London has clean air and mitigates flood risk and climate change
3. Our spaces are accessible, inclusive and safe
4. Our habitats are flourishing, biodiverse and resilient to change

### **B. Spaces enrich people's lives.**

5. People enjoy good health and wellbeing
6. Nature, heritage and place are valued and understood
7. People feel welcome and included
8. People discover, learn and develop

### **C. Business practices are responsible and sustainable.**

9. Our practices are financially, socially and environmentally sustainable
10. London's natural capital and heritage assets are enhanced through our leadership, influence, investment, collaboration and innovation
11. Our staff and volunteers are motivated, empowered, engaged and supported
12. Everyone has the relevant skills to reach their full potential.

Ashted Common (1051510), Burnham Beeches & Stoke Common (232987), Coulsdon Commons (232989) and West Wickham Common & Spring Park (232988) are registered charities. Officers have been asked to remind Members that decisions they take in relation to the relevant charity must be taken in the best interests of the charity.

## **Financial Implications**

The projects and tasks outlined in this report will be funded by the local risk budget of The Commons Division.

The annual work programme addresses soft landscaping issues and poses no direct implications for the City Surveyor's property maintenance, nor impacts on the revenue works programme

## **Conclusion**

This report seeks approval for the proposed management priorities for The Commons Division for the period 2019-2020

## **Appendices**

**Appendix 1** – Ashtead Common

**Appendix 2** – Burnham Beeches and Stoke Common

**Appendix 3** – West Wickham and Coulsdon Commons

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