

Appendix 1—Management priorities for The Commons — Planning together, managing collaboratively, delivering together, 2016—2017

OUR SERVICE —	OPEN SPACES —	OUR PEOPLE —	MAKING CONNECTIONS —
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide welcome, safe and secure sites for people and wildlife. • Preserving the ecology and diversity of our sites 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection and conservation of biodiversity and heritage of The Commons through the projects and programmes contained in local management plans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outward facing, forward looking • Working with others to maximise benefit to The Commons and surrounds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the heart of the local community • Delivery of monthly 'E-news' across the Division

OUR STANDARDS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainability — continue the delivery our Local Sustainability Improvement Plan during 2016/17 - reducing use of energy, fuel & water; printing less; and reducing our environmental footprint. • Finance — manage budgets efficiently and sustainably, working through the project boards to deliver SBR requirements and income targets. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health & Safety — integrate health and safety policy across the Division and deliver H&S improvement plans for 2016/17, audit and review our performance. • Personnel — develop our staff, refine communications and strengthen team working across the division. • Internal communication — maintain our structured approach to meetings and improve our methods of internal communication so that we work together to achieve our vision and annual work programme.

BURNHAM BEECHES (Charity 232987) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veteran trees — carry out halo clearance & reduction work as per new work programme drawn up in 2015. • Grazing — continue to graze 163ha using a mixture of conventional and virtual fences. • Young pollards — carry out annual programme of cutting on young pollards. • Dog Control Orders — Enforce, monitor effectiveness and carry out review • SBR — Implement new car parking charges. • East Burnham Quarry — liaise with Summerleaze Ltd and Bucks County Council over the operation of the quarry and ensure protection of Burnham Beeches from harm. • Impact of development — continue to work with South Bucks District Council and Natural England to achieve the best protection possible from development pressure. 	STOKE COMMON (Charity 232987) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heathland restoration — continue with tree clearance and mulching to restore an additional 1.0 ha of heathland. • Follow up heathland restoration — Mulch, soil scrape, spray bracken and weed wipe areas that have previously been cleared of trees. • Cattle grazing — ensure contractor delivers the required level of grazing. • Pony grazing — graze ponies on the north and west parts of the Common. • Friends Group — assist in recruitment drive for more volunteers. • Key species — encourage volunteers to help with monitoring key species of plants and animals. 	ASHTED COMMON (Charity1051510) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veteran trees — commence year seven of the programme (70 trees). • Grazing — graze a small herd of Sussex cattle whilst developing future options. Progress plans to install a water supply to the north-eastern side of the common to facilitate grazing. • Bracken control — control bracken by mowing and pulling. • Tree health — support volunteer tree wardens to continue their surveys. • Management planning — continue visionary work to inform the next management plan. • Volunteering — further develop volunteer initiatives. 	WEST WICKHAM COMMONS (Charity 232988) <p><u>Spring Park</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coppicing — continue the annual programme. • Boundaries — ensure site is protected and safe. <p><u>West Wickham Common</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oak pollards — annual condition monitoring. • Heathland — restore, maintain and monitor the relic heath. • Pedestrian crossing & bus stop — report to EFCC about proposals from TFL. • Boundaries — ensure site is protected and safe.
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COULSDON COMMONS (Charity 232989) <p><u>Farthing Downs & New Hill</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grassland — restore open areas. • Scrub — manage retained scrub. • Boundaries — ensure site is protected and safe. • Stock fencing — repair and replace. 	<p><u>Couldson Common</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Grove — continue restoring wood pasture. • Drainage — resolve flooding issue in Stites Hill Road. • Merlewood — agree aims for area behind office. • Boundaries — ensure site is protected and safe. • Stock fencing — repair and replace. 	<p><u>Kenley Common</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heritage — support the delivery of the Kenley HLF Project. • Grassland — restore and maintain open areas. • Boundaries — ensure site is protected and safe. • Stock fencing — repair and replace. 	<p><u>Riddlesdown</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scrub — manage successional areas. • Grassland — restore open areas. • Boundaries — ensure site is protected and safe. • Stock fencing — repair and replace.
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