

# City of London Corporation Committee Report

<b>Committee(s):</b> Epping Forest and Commons Committee – For Information	<b>Dated:</b> 29/05/2025
<b>Subject:</b> West Wickham Common and Spring Park Wood and Coulsdon and Other Commons Trustee's Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024	<b>Public report:</b> For Information
<b>This proposal:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>delivers Corporate Plan 2024-29 outcomes</b></li> <li>• <b>provides statutory duties</b></li> <li>• <b>provides business enabling functions</b></li> </ul>	Flourishing Public Spaces
<b>Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?</b>	No
<b>If so, how much?</b>	N/A
<b>What is the source of Funding?</b>	N/A
<b>Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?</b>	N/A
<b>Report of:</b>	The Chamberlain Executive Director Environment
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## Summary

The final versions of the Trustee's Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 for both West Wickham Common and Spring Park Wood (charity registration number 232988) and Coulsdon and Other Commons (charity registration number 232988-1) are presented for information in the format required by the Charity Commission.

## Recommendation(s)

It is recommended that the Trustee's Annual Report and Financial Statements for the 2023/24 Financial Year for both charities be noted.

## **Main Report**

### **Background**

1. The Trustee's Annual Report and Financial Statements for both the West Wickham Common and Spring Park Wood charity and the Coulsdon and Other Commons charity for the year ended 31 March 2024 are presented for information having been signed on behalf of the Trust by the Chairman of Finance Committee and the auditors, Crowe U.K LLP.
2. Members should note that the information contained within the Annual Report and Financial Statements has already been presented to your Committee via the outturn report in July 2024.
3. A previous review of the charities for which the City is responsible, detailed key reports that should be presented to your Committee. The Trustee's Annual Report and Financial Statements was one of these reports.
4. Members may also wish to note that owing to its level of income for 2023/24, West Wickham Common and Spring Park Wood did not require a full audit with the accounts having therefore being signed off by the independent examiner, Crowe U.K LLP. The accounts for Coulsdon and Other Commons for 2023/24 however required a full audit and were subsequently signed off by the external auditors, Crowe U.K. LLP.
5. Information from these statements also forms part of the Annual Return to the Charity Commission. Please note that the Annual Return for both charities was filed on 16 April 2025, after the regulatory deadline of 31 January 2025. This can largely be explained by delays in the approval by the Charity Commission to link these two charities to allow filing of one set of accounts and their decision not to back date this approval to 2023-24 accounts. This meant that separate accounts for the two charities had to be prepared, and filed for the 2023/24 financial year, with split prior year results. From 2024-25 one set of linked accounts will be prepared to normal timelines.
6. Please also note that for the 2024/25 financial year, the two charities will prepare one set of accounts using the linked accounting basis.

Strategic implications - N/A

Financial implications - N/A

Resource implications - N/A

Legal implications - N/A

Risk implications - N/A

Equalities implications - N/A

Climate implications - N/A

Security implications - N/A

## **Appendices**

- Appendix 1 – West Wickham Common and Spring Park Wood Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.
- Appendix 2 – Coulsdon and Other Commons Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

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