

Report to Mousehold Heath Conservators
18 September 2015
Report of Head of local neighbourhood services
Subject Mousehold Heath management sub group review

Item

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Purpose

To review the work of the management sub group and develop a terms of reference

Recommendation

That the Conservators agree to a review of the management sub group and the development of terms of reference.

Corporate and service priorities

The report helps to meet the corporate priority a fair city.

Financial implications

Any financial implications arising from this report will have or will be met from approved budgetary provision

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Background documents

None

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1. In 2007, the Conservators established a management sub to discuss the development of the work programme. The membership comprises the chair, vice chair and other interested members.
2. During the early period of the sub group being in existence, sub group members considered that the group provided an opportunity for informal discussions on works being proposed and planned. The Mousehold Heath Conservators meetings are held four times a year and there is not time at these meetings to dedicate to this detailed level of discussion.
3. An additional benefit was that this allowed the full Conservators meeting to take a more strategic view and approach of the management of Mousehold.
4. Members wanted to ensure that Conservators were aware and could contribute to the discussions and it was agreed that the sub group made reports to the Conservators at each meeting and where formal decisions are required that these are reported as agenda items at the Conservators meetings.

The work of the sub group and proposed next steps

5. It is the view of officers that the work of the management sub group has served the Conservators well. It has achieved its objective of allowing greater Conservator involvement and discussion in the development and implementation of the work programme.
6. Given the period of time that has passed since its establishment, it is proposed that the work of the group is reviewed and terms of reference are developed.
7. Conservators are therefore asked to agree to a review of the sub group to ensure it is meeting the requirements of the Conservators and that terms of reference are developed.
8. Conservators are asked to agree that a small group of Conservators undertake this work with officers and that a report is prepared of the January meeting of the Conservators on the proposals.

