

# Briefing Note

Overview & Scrutiny Committee

27<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Race Week

This note contains information to keep Members informed of matters relating to the work of the Cabinet or a committee but where no decisions from Members are needed.

If Members have questions relating to matters shown, they are asked to contact the Officer indicated.

## March Racing Festival

This briefing note supplements the briefing note presented at the January 31<sup>st</sup> 2023 committee meeting and provides further updates to assist the committee with its work overseeing and scrutinising the planning arrangements.

### War on Wee Update

Work to implement the “War on Wee” initiative is progressing. A press release was issued w/c 6 February to launch the initiative and to seek expressions of interest to assist the authority with understanding the likely demand and stock required.

[https://www.cheltenham.gov.uk/news/article/2781/council\\_launches\\_war\\_on\\_wee\\_campaign\\_for\\_march\\_races](https://www.cheltenham.gov.uk/news/article/2781/council_launches_war_on_wee_campaign_for_march_races)

### Policing

Members requested information about the police deployment along the Evesham Road and surrounding areas. Information supplied by police colleagues are outlined below:

- Neighbourhood staff will be on duty from 10:00 hours until 0200 hours the following morning on the local races operation.
- Early turn staff commencing duty at 1000 will be deployed in the local area of Pittville, Prestbury and Cheltenham Town Centre (see appendix).
- Staff will be deployed in pairs and will be placed at points along Evesham Road to monitor racegoers leaving the racecourse. Deployment will commence by 17:00 until about 1915.
- After this time, officers, in pairs, will follow the racegoers into town will be redeployed into the Town Centre to commence early Streetsafe engagement and be based at the police HUB based on Cheltenham High Street.

### Toilets

The council and racecourse have increased the number or locations of temporary toilets around the town. The locations and units are listed in Appendix 2.

### Communications

There will be a strong focus on proactive comms this year to support the various work streams and initiatives including the racecourse’s “Love your Turf” campaign, the council’s “War on Wee” and various safety messages from the police and the council.

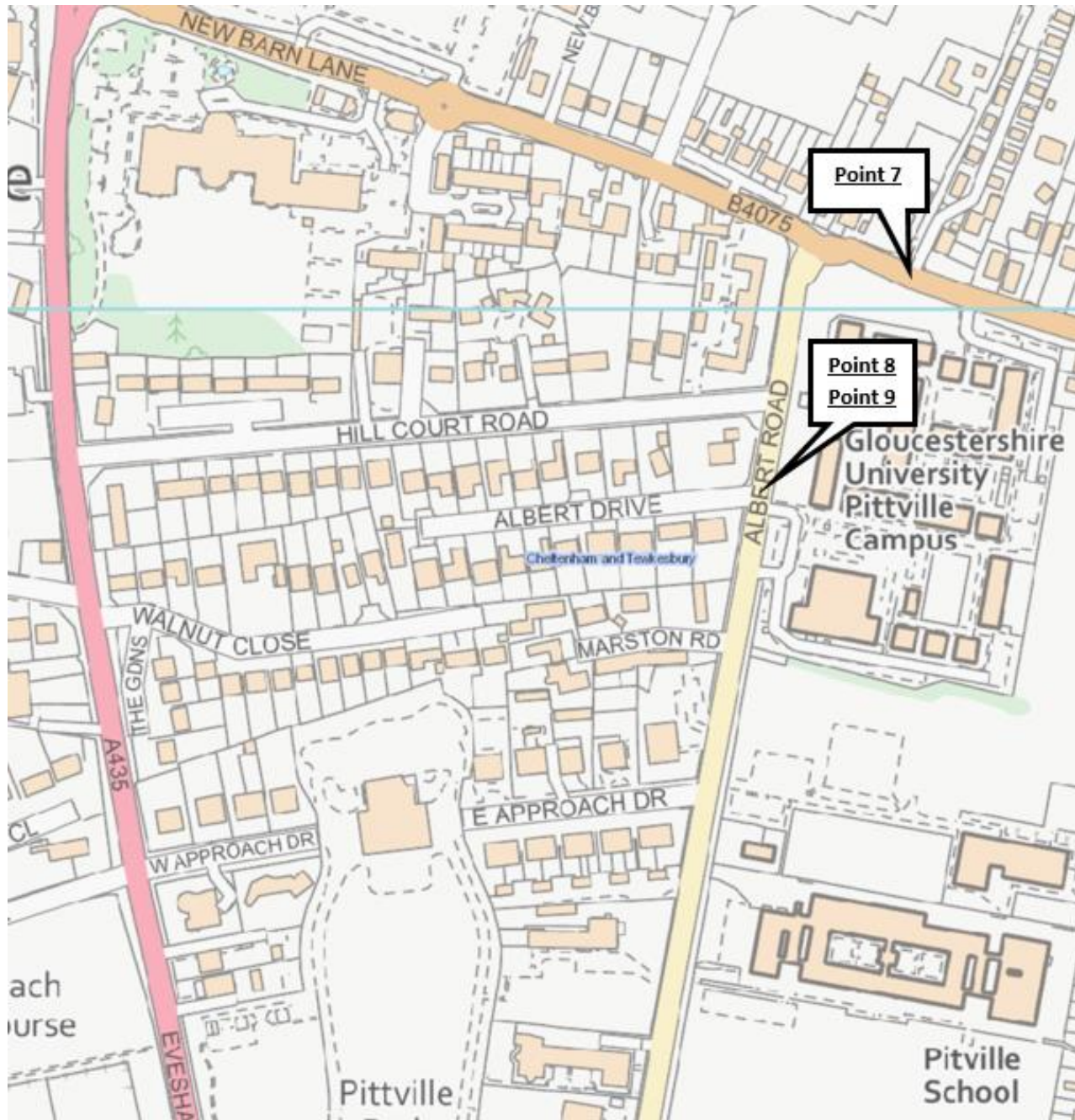
In practice, this work is managed internally and at a multi-agency level.

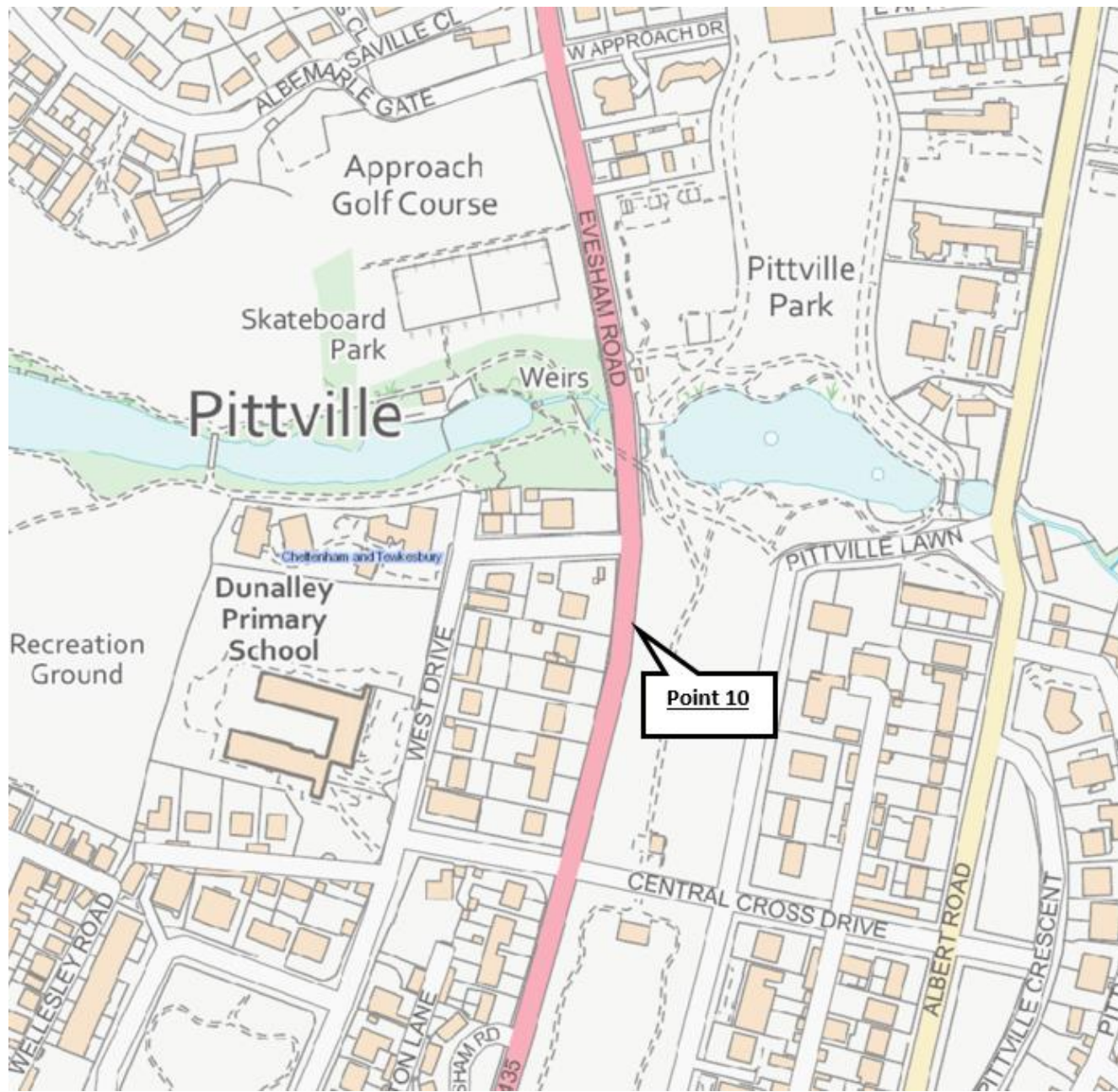
**Other matters**

- Emergency planning table top exercise was completed on Wednesday 15 February 2023
- Safety Advisory Group (SAG) meetings are ongoing to review plans and give assurance regarding event safety
- A strategic coordinating group (SCG) has been stood up to provide an overarching view and oversight of the planning, in its totality, to ensure all the necessary steps have been taken to deliver a safe and successful event. The importance of this has been highlighted in light of the ongoing Manchester Area enquiry and forthcoming Protect Duty.

Appendix 1







## Appendix 2

### Cheltenham – Pittville & Surrounding Area

- Walnut Close – 1 x Urinal Trailer and 4 x Standards
- Pittville Park Gates – 2 x Standards + 1 x Standard Urinal
- Evesham Rd after Central Cross Drive – 8 x Standards + 2 x Standard Urinals
- North and South Central Cross Drive – 4 x Standards + 2 x Standard Urinals
- East Approach Drive – 2 x Standards
- Albemarle Gate/Tommy Taylors Lane Junction – 2 x Standards
- UCAS – 6 x Standards
- Park Stores – 2 x Standards
- Prince Regent/ Tommy Taylors Lane – 2 x Standards

### Cheltenham Town

- High street outside Sports Direct – 3 x Standards
- Top of Prom Imperial Circus – 3 x Standards
- Bottom of Prom St Georges Rd – 3 x Standards
- Royal Well Rd Coach Station – 1 x Standard + 1 x Standard Urinal

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