



# MUSSELBURGH RACECOURSE

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## MRAC Meeting 18 May 2020

### General Manager's Report

#### Financial Forecast – see background paper 1 & 2

Opening financial position on 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2019	<b>-£149,000</b>
Profit in 2019-20	£293,286
	(incl loss from cancellation of 20 March)
Profit after capex and exceptional costs	£244,380
Closing financial position on 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2020	£94,780
Forecast profit/loss in 2020-21	<b>-£287,160</b>
Closing financial position on 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2021	<b>-£192,380</b>
Add machinery (£130,000), fittings (£20,000) + Britbet investment (£74,462)	<b>£32,082</b>

In reaching a forecast loss of £375k we have made the following assumptions:

- No rent in 2020-21
- No racing until June – **first fixture Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June**
- Racing behind closed doors (BCD) for the remainder of the flat season
- Racing with spectators resumes in November
- No spike in attendances when racing resumes with spectators (cautious)
- No sponsorship income when racing resumes BCD
- No hospitality income this calendar year
- RMG media rights income down by approx. 50% like for like for fixtures when betting shops re-open
- RMG income £50k per fixture during racing BCD when there are no betting shops open and therefore no SIS betting shop income (cautious – using RMG worst case scenario and their **forecasts of £40-55k for racing BCD**)
- SIS LBO income resumes when betting shops re-open in November and is forecast to be down 30% per raceday due to reduction in betting shops and fewer runners

- Fixed income significantly reduced e.g. Brewers supply discount, share of Britbet profits, fixed advertising income
- All non-raceday events cancelled including Harness Racing
- No support from the HBLB however the small independent racecourses have submitted a paper requesting urgent support for racecourses cancelling fixtures due to COVID-19 – see background paper
- 100% rates relief in 2020-21
- Staff furloughed until end of May and access to Government’s Job Retention Scheme

### **Commentary**

The financial summary is a ‘realistic’ forecast based on the information available at the time.

The BHA state that if all racecourses are able to participate in the Resumption of Racing (RoR) plan, each racecourse will stage 70% of its scheduled number of fixtures. The BHA will produce a fixture list for June and then a fixture list for July and August, which will include the return of National Hunt Racing. Musselburgh stages 7 race meetings during this period so we are hoping to stage 5 or more fixtures. Each fixture will generate a budgeted profit of c£30k. In the budget we are assuming we stage all 7 scheduled fixtures so if we stage 5 then the loss in the current financial year will increase by £60k.

It is likely that staff will be furloughed beyond May; however, the ground staff have been taken off furlough for three weeks in May to prepare the track for the resumption of racing in June. This will cost £4,393.35 in lost government funding.

Depending on the number of fixtures the BHA allocate to Musselburgh, ground staff may go back onto furlough in June and office staff may be kept on furlough till the end of June, which will generate an additional £18,845 in government funding.

### **Resumption of Racing Update**

The BHA have produced a draft Resumption of Racing Plan. Following the announcement by the Government on Monday 11 May, British Racing aims to be staging race meetings behind closed doors on 1<sup>st</sup> June.

All sectors of the sport are working very closely with politicians on the Resumption of Racing Plan. Kenny Macaskill MP (East Lothian) and Colin Beattie MSP (Midlothian North and Musselburgh) are assisting the BHA. Kenny Macaskill has written to Joe Fitzpatrick Minister for Health, Sport and Wellbeing on behalf of the five Scottish MPs with racecourses in their constituencies – see background paper 3.

### **Background papers:**

1. Monthly MRC Management Accounts 2020-21
2. Financial Summary Year End 2020-21
3. Scottish Racecourse MPs to Joe Fitzpatrick

**MUSSELBURGH RACING ASSOCIATED COMMITTEE  
2020-21 MRC ANNUAL MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS**

Actual	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget
27 Race Days	27 Race Days	0 racedays	0 racedays	0 racedays	3 racedays	3 racedays	3 racedays	3 racedays	1 racedays	2 racedays	2 racedays	3 racedays	2 racedays	2 racedays	2 racedays	Monthly Figures
Plus 1 Total 28																Total
2019/20	2020/21	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March			20-21
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
	<b>Race Day Income :-</b>															
905,330	Admissions	206,400	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13,200	12,700	128,000	37,000	15,500		206,400
0	Premier Admissions Package	10,700	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8,400	2,300	0		10,700
35,834	Racecards	12,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,400	1,100	5,400	2,600	1,500		12,000
38,880	Annual Members Sub Fees	15,840	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,880	2,880	4,320	2,880	2,880		15,840
74,696	Bookmakers	25,790	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,300	2,600	10,450	7,340	3,100		25,790
2,127,032	SIS LBO License Fee Per Race	754,945	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	126,809	139,258	181,162	153,058	154,658		754,945
733,065	RMG Media Rights License Fee	894,700	0	0	50,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	50,000	36,716	36,500	98,721	98,722	74,041		894,700
0	Totepool Commission	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
19,027	Betting Shop Income	5,090	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	660	580	1,580	1,250	1,020		5,090
112,400	Catering Commission	30,157	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,755	2,000	16,695	6,200	3,507		30,157
432,929	Corporate Hospitality	86,360	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12,585	20,310	20,265	23,730	9,470		86,360
216,303	Sponsors	84,340	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,000	22,920	52,500	7,920		84,340
73,000	HBLB Fix. Incentive Scheme	53,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28,000	15,000	10,000		53,000
337,281	HBLB Integrity Grant (Fieldforce/camera)	276,562	0	0	12,571	37,713	37,713	37,713	12,571	25,142	25,142	37,713	25,142	25,142		276,562
0	Share of sale/claims	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
25,000	Contribution to fixture swaps	15,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10,000	5,000	0	0		15,000
<b>5,130,777</b>	<b>Total Race Day Income</b>	<b>2,470,884</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>62,571</b>	<b>187,713</b>	<b>187,713</b>	<b>187,713</b>	<b>62,571</b>	<b>223,447</b>	<b>254,070</b>	<b>568,626</b>	<b>427,722</b>	<b>308,738</b>		<b>2,470,884</b>
	<b>Race Day Expenditure:-</b>															
0	Premier Admissions Package	3,775	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,880	895	0		3,775
34,865	Officials	16,250	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,750	2,600	4,700	3,000	3,200		16,250
55,315	Owners & Trainers (catering etc)	27,300	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,800	4,800	7,900	5,000	4,800		27,300
109,156	Race Day Staff	44,600	0	0	500	1,500	1,500	1,500	500	5,900	5,800	15,800	5,800	5,800		44,600
150,473	Maintenance Track and Grounds	107,200	0	0	4,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	4,000	12,900	10,800	18,000	10,000	11,500		107,200
95,912	Stables and Accommodation	63,000	0	0	2,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	2,000	6,500	6,000	12,100	8,200	8,200		63,000
73,130	Racecards	32,120	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,400	5,400	9,720	6,000	5,600		32,120
269,837	Corp Hosp (Catering/Marquees etc)	41,309	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,486	8,059	12,302	11,419	5,043		41,309
36,584	Sponsorship (Banners/ BTO )	14,300	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,600	2,600	3,900	2,600	2,600		14,300
29,179	Marketing	6,450	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,800	650	0		6,450
144,135	Advertising	57,797	14,367	0	16,739	0	0	0	0	340	340	18,001	7,670	340		57,797
144,872	Police and Security	70,100	0	0	3,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	3,000	5,300	5,200	16,200	5,200	5,200		70,100
72,250	Starting Stalls	48,180	0	0	4,380	13,140	13,140	13,140	4,380	0	0	0	0	0		48,180
35,221	Racetech Photofinish/Public Address/Timing	29,430	0	0	1,325	3,975	3,975	3,975	1,325	2,650	4,095	2,730	2,730	2,730		29,430
137,833	Medical / Vets Costs	113,100	0	0	4,200	12,600	12,600	12,600	4,200	10,500	10,600	24,600	10,600	10,600		113,100
130,712	BHA Fixture Licence Fee	103,147	0	0	4,642	13,926	13,926	13,926	4,642	9,470	9,470	14,205	9,470	9,470		103,147
292,843	BHA Fixture Fees (Fieldforce etc)	233,354	0	0	10,607	31,821	31,821	31,821	10,607	21,214	21,214	31,821	21,214	21,214		233,354
109,328	Racetech TV coverage (integrity and cctv)	90,270	0	0	3,878	11,634	11,634	11,634	3,878	8,406	8,406	13,200	8,800	8,800		90,270
49,500	Development Race Fund Contribution	12,500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12,500	0	0		12,500
469,149	Operational Costs ( Marquees, Toilets Big Screen etc )	176,785	3,200	0	11,800	15,000	15,000	15,000	5,000	6,950	6,950	78,305	12,630	6,950		176,785
<b>2,440,294</b>	<b>Total Race Day Expenditure</b>	<b>1,290,967</b>	<b>17,567</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>67,071</b>	<b>130,596</b>	<b>130,596</b>	<b>130,596</b>	<b>43,532</b>	<b>110,166</b>	<b>110,889</b>	<b>306,029</b>	<b>131,878</b>	<b>112,047</b>		<b>1,290,967</b>
<b>2,690,483</b>	<b>Total Profit Race Days (before Prize Money)</b>	<b>1,179,917</b>	<b>-17,567</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-4,500</b>	<b>57,117</b>	<b>57,117</b>	<b>57,117</b>	<b>19,039</b>	<b>113,281</b>	<b>143,181</b>	<b>262,597</b>	<b>295,844</b>	<b>196,691</b>		<b>1,179,917</b>
	<b>Prize Money Income</b>															
527,907	HBLB Basic Rate	276,599	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28,998	39,871	64,555	86,992	56,183		276,599
0	Winter Jump Payments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
5,000	Prize Money Grants (e.g. Sunday Payment)	5,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,000	0		5,000
182,034	Race Incentive Funding (RIF)	133,400	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,400	12,400	10,700	22,700	83,200		133,400
148,634	Total Others/ Entry Fees	49,700	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6,000	6,000	10,700	16,000	11,000		49,700
<b>861,575</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>464,699</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>39,398</b>	<b>58,271</b>	<b>85,955</b>	<b>130,692</b>	<b>150,383</b>		<b>464,699</b>
<b>1,871,878</b>	<b>Total Prize Money Expenditure</b>	<b>788,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>79,000</b>	<b>98,200</b>	<b>159,000</b>	<b>257,000</b>	<b>194,800</b>		<b>788,000</b>
<b>1,010,303</b>	<b>Total Cost Prize Money to MRC</b>	<b>323,301</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>39,602</b>	<b>39,929</b>	<b>73,045</b>	<b>126,308</b>	<b>44,417</b>		<b>323,301</b>
<b>1,680,180</b>	<b>Total Profit Race Days (after PM) (pages 3 &amp; 4)</b>	<b>856,616</b>	<b>-17,567</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-4,500</b>	<b>57,117</b>	<b>57,117</b>	<b>57,117</b>	<b>19,039</b>	<b>73,679</b>	<b>103,252</b>	<b>189,552</b>	<b>169,536</b>	<b>152,274</b>		<b>856,616</b>
	<b>Add:-</b>															
<b>397,660</b>	<b>Total Fixed Income (page 2)</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,111</b>	<b>3,333</b>	<b>4,444</b>	<b>11,112</b>		<b>20,000</b>
	<b>Deduct:-</b>															
<b>1,801,984</b>	<b>Total Fixed Expenditure (page 2)</b>	<b>1,163,776</b>	<b>68,010</b>	<b>62,385</b>	<b>91,606</b>	<b>103,870</b>	<b>102,370</b>	<b>104,370</b>	<b>104,870</b>	<b>105,870</b>	<b>106,870</b>	<b>106,370</b>	<b>105,370</b>	<b>101,814</b>		<b>1,163,776</b>
<b>275,856</b>	<b>Total Annual Profit/Loss</b>	<b>-287,160</b>	<b>-85,577</b>	<b>-62,385</b>	<b>-96,106</b>	<b>-46,753</b>	<b>-45,253</b>	<b>-47,253</b>	<b>-85,831</b>	<b>-32,191</b>	<b>-2,507</b>	<b>86,515</b>	<b>68,610</b>	<b>61,572</b>		<b>-287,160</b>

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Actual		Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Monthly
2019/20	<b>FIXED EXPENDITURE</b>	2020/21	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	July- March	2020-21
£	<b>Establishment Costs</b>	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
140,000	Rent	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
115,000	Water, Trade Refuse & non-domestic Rates	25,315	2,110	2,110	2,110	2,110	2,110	2,110	2,110	2,110	2,110	2,110	2,110	2,110	18,986	25,315
35,000	Insurance	33,000	2,750	2,750	2,750	2,750	2,750	2,750	2,750	2,750	2,750	2,750	2,750	2,750	24,750	33,000
130,000	Essential Maintenance of Stables & Buildings	60,000	10,000	2,500	2,500	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	45,000	60,000
148,500	Maintenance Track and Grounds	98,500	6,625	9,000	9,000	8,208	8,208	8,208	8,208	8,208	8,208	8,208	8,208	8,208	73,875	98,500
<b>568,500</b>	<b>Total Establishment Costs</b>	<b>216,815</b>	<b>21,485</b>	<b>16,360</b>	<b>16,360</b>	<b>18,068</b>	<b>18,068</b>	<b>18,068</b>	<b>18,068</b>	<b>18,068</b>	<b>18,068</b>	<b>18,068</b>	<b>18,068</b>	<b>18,068</b>	<b>162,611</b>	<b>216,815</b>
	<b>Management Costs incl Furlough Income</b>	<b>-60,000</b>	<b>-30,000</b>	<b>-30,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>60,000</b>
520,000	Salaries, N.I. Etc	470,000	39,167	39,167	39,167	39,167	39,167	39,167	39,167	39,167	39,167	39,167	39,167	39,167	352,500	470,000
275,000	Caretaker/Groundsmen	260,301	21,692	21,692	21,692	21,692	21,692	21,692	21,692	21,692	21,692	21,692	21,692	21,692	195,226	260,301
15,000	Fees and Expenses	7,000	583	583	583	583	583	583	583	583	583	583	583	583	5,250	7,000
30,000	Training & Development	7,000	583	583	583	583	583	583	583	583	583	583	583	583	5,250	7,000
<b>840,000</b>	<b>Total Management Costs</b>	<b>684,301</b>	<b>32,025</b>	<b>32,025</b>	<b>62,025</b>	<b>62,025</b>	<b>62,025</b>	<b>62,025</b>	<b>62,025</b>	<b>62,025</b>	<b>62,025</b>	<b>62,025</b>	<b>62,025</b>	<b>62,025</b>	<b>558,226</b>	<b>684,301</b>
	<b>Operating Costs</b>															
10,000	Professional Fees	7,500	625	625	625	625	625	625	625	625	625	625	625	625	5,625	7,500
27,000	Business Services Fees	20,000	1,667	1,667	1,667	1,667	1,667	1,667	1,667	1,667	1,667	1,667	1,667	1,667	15,000	20,000
76,000	Marketing, Advertising and Promotions	70,785	5,000	5,000	4,721	6,230	6,230	6,230	6,230	6,230	6,230	6,230	6,230	6,224	56,064	70,785
6,000	Community Engagement	4,000	333	333	333	333	333	333	333	333	333	333	333	333	3,000	4,000
5,000	Subscriptions and Donations	5,000	-	-	-	556	556	556	556	556	556	556	556	556	5,000	5,000
23,985	Contributions to RCA	18,375	875	875	875	1,750	1,750	1,750	1,750	1,750	1,750	1,750	1,750	1,750	15,750	18,375
82,000	Heat and Light	70,000	2,000	1,000	2,000	6,500	6,500	6,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	8,500	8,500	6,000	65,000	70,000
26,000	Telephone	20,000	2,000	1,500	1,500	1,667	1,667	1,667	1,667	1,667	1,667	1,667	1,667	1,667	15,000	20,000
22,000	Printing, Postages, Stationery	15,000	1,000	500	500	1,450	1,450	1,450	1,450	1,450	1,450	1,450	1,450	1,400	13,000	15,000
36,000	Furniture, Fittings & Equipment	10,000	-	-	-	2,000	-	2,000	-	1,000	2,000	2,000	1,000	-	10,000	10,000
22,000	Credit Card /Bank Charges	16,000	1,000	2,500	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	11,500	16,000
12,000	Interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3,000	Annual Members Expenditure (badges, trips)	3,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,000	1,500	500	-	-	-	3,000	3,000
7,000	Hospitality & Racecourse Visits	3,000	-	-	-	-	500	500	1,000	-	1,000	-	-	-	3,000	3,000
30,499	Harness Racing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5,000	Events (Catering etc)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>393,484</b>	<b>Total Operating Costs</b>	<b>262,660</b>	<b>14,500</b>	<b>14,000</b>	<b>13,221</b>	<b>23,777</b>	<b>22,277</b>	<b>24,277</b>	<b>24,777</b>	<b>25,777</b>	<b>26,777</b>	<b>26,277</b>	<b>25,277</b>	<b>21,721</b>	<b>220,939</b>	<b>262,660</b>
<b>1,801,984</b>	<b>Total Fixed Expenditure</b>	<b>1,163,776</b>	<b>68,010</b>	<b>62,385</b>	<b>91,606</b>	<b>103,870</b>	<b>102,370</b>	<b>104,370</b>	<b>104,870</b>	<b>105,870</b>	<b>106,870</b>	<b>106,370</b>	<b>105,370</b>	<b>101,814</b>	<b>941,776</b>	<b>1,163,776</b>
	<b>FIXED INCOME</b>															
34,206	Advertising	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
200,000	RMG Media Rights Licence Fee Previous Year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
60,192	Betting Shop/Totepool/Britbet	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	Britbet Profit Share	10,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,000	10,000	10,000
35,000	Brewers Supply Discount	10,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,111	3,333	4,444	1,112	10,000	10,000
10,000	Events Income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
22,000	Previous Years Adjustment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8,000	Miscellaneous (hire outs, bookies commissions) ADV RSG	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
28,262	Harness Racing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>397,660</b>	<b>Total Fixed Income</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,111</b>	<b>3,333</b>	<b>4,444</b>	<b>11,112</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>20,000</b>





# MUSSELBURGH RACING ASSOCIATED COMMITTEE

## ESTIMATE CLOSING BALANCE SHEET/RESERVE POSITION

		Previous Year	Current Year
	Actual 31/3/2019	Forecast 31/3/2020	Budget 31/3/2021
<b>Surplus/Deficit at Start of Year (1st April)</b>	<b>£187,317</b>	<b>-£149,600</b>	<b>£94,780</b>
<b>Add Profit/Loss for Year</b>	£46,947	£293,286	-£287,160
<b>Less Capital Expenditure</b>	£31,558	£20,746	£0
Cash inflow/outflow	£15,389	£272,540	-£287,160
<b>Surplus/Deficit at Year End before exceptional costs</b>	<b>£202,706</b>	<b>£122,940</b>	<b>-£192,380</b>
<b>Less Exceptional Costs - Tender Process and Legal Fees</b>	£352,306	£28,160	£0
<b>Surplus/Deficit on 31st March</b>	<b>-£149,600</b>	<b>£94,780</b>	<b>-£192,380</b>
<b>Add Value of Plant, Machinery &amp; Vehicles</b>	£0	£0	£150,000
<b>Add Investment in Britbet</b>		£0	£74,462
<b>Add Transfer of Assets from MRAC to ELC</b>	£0	£0	£0
<b>Balance Sheet Position at Year End</b>	<b>-£149,600</b>	<b>£94,780</b>	<b>£32,082</b>

**Musselburgh Racecourse Summary Capex 2010-2019**

PROJECT	Total	Value Remaining	Current Value	Year to 31/3/2019	Year to 31/3/2018	Year to 31/3/2017	Year to 31/3/2016	Year to 31/3/2015	Year to 31/3/2014	Year to 31/3/2013	Year to 31/3/2012	Year to 31/3/2011	Year to 31/3/2010
<b>Buildings</b>													
Refurbishment of Grandstand Toilets	£72,088	20%	£14,418							£30,160		£41,928	
Grandstand Security CCTV	£7,598	0%	£0									£7,598	
Owners Trainers Semi permanent Marquee	£169,363	50%	£84,682						£6,266	£162,140	£957		
Convert Pinkie Café to a Bar	£35,480	50%	£17,740			£35,480							
Upgrade Grandstand Fire Alarm	£16,000	50%	£8,000				£16,000						
Refurbish Links Cafe	£44,237	50%	£22,119			£25,581				£18,656			
Replace Grandstand Window frames	£11,477	0%	£0									£11,477	
Upgrade TVs	£23,541	0%	£0							£2,353	£21,188		
New Presentation Canopy	£14,170	50%	£7,085								£14,170		
Catering Facilities Upgrade Bistro & pinkies, Tills Bars Kitchens	£156,477	50%	£78,239				£17,142	£105,457	£19,405	£14,473			
Signage	£57,435	50%	£28,718					£57,435					
Racecourse Capex	£142,612	30%	£42,784										£142,612
<b>Grounds</b>			£0										
Landscaping Various	£174,973	70%	£122,481	£29,718			£26,074	£72,839	£4,476			£27,558	£14,308
<b>Racetrack</b>													
Artificial surface - winning post bend	£134,565	70%	£94,196							£134,565			
Camber Winning Post Bend + Impts to Parade Ring	£177,103	70%	£123,972				£173,353	£3,750					
Upgrade O & T Entrance & disabled Car Park,	£102,668	70%	£71,868			£101,860	£808						
Upgrade Irrigation System (pumps etc)	£180,295	70%	£126,207	£2,890			£30,839	£750		£7,166	£115,408	£23,242	
Re-locate racetech	£145,090	70%	£101,563			£22,933	£53,257	£68,900					
Tarmac Access Road	£104,300	70%	£73,010					£7,133	£81,064				£16,103
Running Rail Crowd Barrier	£28,473	50%	£14,237						£28,473				
<b>Office</b>													
Upgrade website and ticketing system IT Equipment	£92,694	40%	£37,078		£45,529			£47,165					
<b>Extras</b>													
Racecard Unit	£5,800	70%	£4,060	£5,800									
Stables Fence and Tarmac	£42,790	70%	£29,953								£42,790		
Permanent Signage A1	£24,994	70%	£17,496								£24,994		
Electronic Number Board - Parade Ring	£43,230	50%	£21,615					£30,546	£12,684				
02 WIFI	£47,152	0%	£0			£4,337	£42,815						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£2,054,605</b>		<b>£1,141,516</b>	<b>£38,408</b>	<b>£45,529</b>	<b>£190,191</b>	<b>£360,288</b>	<b>£393,975</b>	<b>£152,368</b>	<b>£369,513</b>	<b>£219,507</b>	<b>£111,803</b>	<b>£173,023</b>



Dear Mr FitzPatrick,

### Appendix 3

We are getting in touch as the respective MP's for four of Scotland's five racecourses (Ayr, Hamilton Park, Musselburgh and Perth) to ask for your support for Scotland's second largest sport, thoroughbred horseracing – worth **£300 million** annually to the Scottish economy – during this difficult time for the country, and call for a resumption of racing activity in Scotland when it is safe to do so.

In more ordinary times, the racecourses that we represent are key economic assets within our respective constituencies and provide a premium leisure activity enjoyed by hundreds of thousands of Scots per year. Indeed across 5 racecourses, 24 trainers and a number of breeding operations and ancillary industries, the Scottish racing industry supports 3,400 FTE jobs in Scotland making it one of the largest rural employers in Scotland. However, due to the pandemic, many of these businesses are facing real economic uncertainty and severe constraints on their income.

Last month, a decision was taken by the British Horseracing Authority (BHA), the governing and regulatory body for the sport, to suspend racing indefinitely in Britain in order to protect the NHS and save lives. Since then the industry has been engaging with your parliamentary colleagues on the economic challenges that the thoroughbred racing industry has faced during the outbreak, and submitted detailed plans to the Scottish government around further financial support it could require during the pandemic. Nonetheless, the threat of hardship and job losses within Scottish racing remains if there are further delays to racing's return.

We understand representatives of Scottish horseracing have been engaged in positive discussions with your department about the return of sport in Scotland, and the BHA has also been involved with similar talks with the UK Sport Minister. Within these settings, we understand that racing has outlined well-developed, risk-managed proposals for a return to racing behind closed doors, that are in line with the Scottish Government's "Covid-19 Framework for Decision Making" document. Having already held a behind closed doors race meeting at Kelso on the 16<sup>th</sup> March, the industry has demonstrated it is able to safely run such a meeting.

Racing also finds itself in a unique position compared to other Scottish sports in that our equine athletes, cherished so highly by those in the industry, have remained in training during the pandemic and will therefore be able to come back on shorter notice than the human athletes in other sports.

When it is safe to do so, a return to racing is the best way of getting the economic cogs of the industry turning once more, and kickstart the benefits to the Scottish economy that horseracing brings, even in a behind closed doors environment. Therefore, we ask that you please accelerate your talks with Scottish racing to ensure that a risk managed return can take place as soon as possible and that a return to racing behind closed doors in Scotland does not get unduly delayed compared to the rest of the United Kingdom.

Kind regards,

**Kenny MacAskill MP, Allan Dorans MP, Angela Crawley MP, Pete Wishart MP**