

Birmingham City Council

Trust and Charities Committee

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Subject: Highbury Estate

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1 Executive Summary

1.1 To update the Committee on activities on the Highbury Estate

2 Recommendations

2.1 To note the contents of Appendix 1

3 Background

3.1 The Highbury Estate comprises approximately 13.03 hectares (32.2 acres) of park land including Highbury Hall and Chamberlain House and three lodges. It now accommodates part of Uffculme Special School in Chamberlain House and at 92 Queensbridge Road the Four Seasons Gardeners, an Adult Services enterprise.

3.2 The Estate was gifted by the heirs of the Right Honourable Joseph Chamberlain on 31st March 1932 and is held in trust as Registered Charity no 1039194 since 1994. Chamberlain Highbury Trust registered charity no. 1169845 has been set in place to best resolve the governance issues and to manage the Estate and seek external grants to enable the refurbishment of Highbury.

4 Options considered and Recommended Proposal

4.1 No decision is required for this report as the actions noted are already approved by previous reports to Committee.

5 Appendices

5.1 Appendix 1 An update to Members on activities on the Highbury Estate