

<b>Committee(s):</b> Open Spaces & City Gardens Committee	<b>Dated:</b> 06/10/22
<b>Subject:</b> Operational Property Review - Irish Chambers	<b>Public</b>
<b>Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?</b>	10. We inspire enterprise, excellence, creativity and collaboration.
<b>Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?</b>	N/A
<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> Juliemma McLoughlin, Executive Director Environment	<b>For Decision</b>
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### Summary

Under the City's Target Operating Model, with effect from 1 April 2022, the former Open Spaces Department became the Natural Environment Division of the new Environment Department.

Employees based in Irish Chambers have now been relocated to Guildhall North Wing, leaving the Irish Chambers surplus to the Environment Department's operational requirements.

The purpose of this report is to seek Committee authority to declare the Irish Chambers as surplus to the Environment Department's requirements.

### Recommendations

Members are asked to:

- Declare the Irish Chambers as surplus to the Environment Department's operational requirements.

### Main Report

#### Background

1. Under the City's Target Operating Model, with effect from 1 April 2022, the former Open Spaces Department became the Natural Environment Division of the new Environment Department.

2. Employees based in Irish Chambers (location map shown in Appendix A) have now been relocated to Guildhall North Wing, leaving the Irish Chambers surplus to the Environment Department's operational requirements.
3. Furniture will be left in Irish Chambers, and the Environment Department will agree handover with the City Surveyor's Department.
4. The property is owned by the City of London Corporation and will be handed back to the City Surveyor for consideration on future usage, until such time the property will remain the responsibility of the Open Spaces Committee. Another internal department is currently considering this space, but this will be subject to another Committee report, to be approved by Committee.

### **Current Position**

5. Employees based in Irish Chambers have now been relocated to Guildhall North Wing, leaving the Irish Chambers surplus to the Environment Department's operational requirements.

### **Strategic implications**

6. Supports the Open Spaces Department (now Natural Environment Division of the Environment Department) High-Level Business Plan objective to consider long-term use of office accommodation during 2022/23.

### **Financial implications**

7. Limited savings associated with energy bills have been identified, with limited buildings recharges.

### **Resource implications**

8. None

### **Security implications**

9. Security has improved with the relocation of all City-based Natural Environment staff, and their assets to the main Guildhall office building.

### **Conclusion**

10. The Irish Chambers is surplus to the Environment Department's operational requirements and the department therefore seeks Committee approval to declare the property as surplus to the department's requirements. The City Surveyor will then consider future usage of the premises for consideration by the relevant Committee.

## **Appendices**

Appendix A – Location Map of Irish Chambers

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