

Committee(s) Open Spaces and City Gardens Committee	Date: 02/12/2022
Subject: Decisions taken under delegated authority or urgency powers.	Public
Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?	N/A
Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?	N/A
If so, how much?	N/A
What is the source of Funding?	N/A
Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?	N/A
Report of: Town Clerk and Chief Executive	For Information
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Summary

This report advises Members of action taken by the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chair and Deputy Chair, in accordance with Standing Order Nos. 41(a) and 41(b) since the last meeting.

Recommendations

That Members note the action taken since the last meeting of the Open Spaces and City Gardens Committee.

Main Report

Since the last meeting of the Open Spaces and City Gardens Committee, approval has been given under urgency procedures or delegated authority arrangements, pursuant to Standing Order No. 41, as follows:

1. **Urgent Decision:** To declare the Irish Chambers as surplus to the Environment Department's requirements under urgency procedure.

Employees based in Irish Chambers were relocated to Guildhall North Wing, leaving the Irish Chambers vacant. A report was brought to the Open Spaces & City Gardens Committee meeting on 6 October 2022 to request that the Committee declare the property as surplus to the Environment Department's requirements so that responsibility for the property could be transferred to the City Surveyor's Department for consideration on future usage. However, the meeting was not quorate and so the Committee was not able to approve the recommendation.

REASON FOR URGENCY: Innovation & Growth were considering utilising the Irish Chambers as insufficient desk space meant that four employees were working from home full time and the Destination City team were unable to work together. The approval was required so that the property could be declared as surplus to the Environment Department's operational

requirements and the City Surveyors could consider the reallocation of the property

The Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Open Spaces & City Gardens Committee, declared the property as surplus to the Environment Department's operational requirements.

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