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Purpose

This report summarises the discussions, recommendations and approvals made by the Charities Committee on the 9th December 2021 to provide the Board with an update of the Committee's activities.

Background

The Charities Committee holds delegated responsibility from the Board of Directors (the Corporate Trustee of the RUH Charitable Funds), this report provides evidence to satisfy the Board that the tasks required to meet those responsibilities are being carried out.

Business Undertaken

The Committee received an update on Rosebud Donation.

The Committee reviewed long term mitigation options for covering admin fees and fundraising costs for the ward fund structure. The Head of Fundraising agreed to compare modelling over the past few years.

The Committee discussed future fund structure options to enable the charity to meet the strategic objectives outlined in the new strategy.

The Committee received a Forever Friends update. NHS Charities Together Stage 2 process shortlist approved by BSW Executive Group; final application being put forward. Approval for additional funds, over £10m raised, in the cancer care fund, will be earmarked to help with the Robotics campaign.

The Head of Fundraising to work up the brand name and to bring back to Committee for approval.

The Committee received an update on the work of the Friends of RUH.

The Committee discussed the work that needs to be done regarding the Risk Register.

The Committee reviewed the update on the Charity Strategy. The Head of Fundraising identified the need for a new 5-year strategy plan, but that it would be impossible to robustly plan for the next 5 years due to the pandemic. She suggested a quarterly progress report instead of a yearly review. The Committee discussed the report and the current strategy, which was approved.

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The Committee received a report on the latest financial position, with income and expenditure on the increase. The Committee discussed the requests for hoodie purchases, which were supported.

The Committee received a general fund update. The Committee agreed for the funding request for a Uro-Gynae Specialist Nurse to be progressed through a more appropriate avenue of funding.

The Committee reviewed the investment governance report, noting that a discussion with Barclays is required in regard to prospects, and to seek a view on income and potential investment gains. The Committee is in agreement in terms of the clarification around the action taken from the last decision to withdraw around ½ the value of the cancer fund - £3.75m. This will match the funds to be drawn down in the short term.

The Committee received the investment fund manager report. The Committee requested more data on consequences vs risk return.

The Committee noted the Terms of Reference report. The Head of Fundraising to suggest a proposal regarding inviting someone to be an independent member of the committee.

The Committee reviewed the charitable funds SFIs report. The Committee approved the SFI changes.

The Committee reviewed the presentation for the postal kit service. The Director of Finance agreed to raise the funding request at the Innovation Panel, and that if the Innovation Panel or Elective Recovery Fund will not fund the pilot scheme, the Charities Committee will.

Key Risks and their impact on the Organisation

- Long term options for covering admin fees and fundraising costs.
- Staffing levels
- How to share Datix information – a process to be resolved before the next Committee meeting.
- Rosebud – expenditure accruals

Key Decisions

- Agreed that agreement and action must be made within the next 3 months with regards to where the funds for the next FY will be allocated in discussions with Friends of RUH and Capital Projects
- Agreed for the Head of Corporate Governance and Head of Fundraising to review the Risk Register, to return to the committee at the next meeting.
- Agreed for the Head of Fundraising and Head of Corporate Governance to discuss how to share Datix information.
- The Committee agreed to move towards the apportionment model as opposed to levy, with further model development to bring back to the Committee.
- The Committee agreed to option 4 – internal grant making – simplification of funds. Further model development to be completed and brought back to the Committee.

• The Head of Fundraising to suggest a proposal regarding inviting someone to be an independent member of the committee.
• The Director of Finance to raise funding request at the Innovation Panel

Exceptions and Challenges

Nothing impacted on the Committee's ability to undertake its business.

Governance and Other Business

The Charities Committee meets at least four times a year, its members consist of 2 Non-Executive Directors, the Director of Finance and Director of Nursing.

Future Business

- Friends of RUH and Capital Projects – fund allocation for the next FY
- Risk Register update
- Update on how to share Datix information
- Ward fund structure update
- The Head of Fundraising to work up the brand name and to bring back to Committee for approval.
- Barclays to send more details around reducing risk profile and future forecasts. The Committee to revisit this discussion at the next meeting.

Recommendations

The Board is asked to note this report.