To provide an update on the key issues discussed at the Charities Committee held on 14 February 2013.

The report is prepared to inform the Trust Board on the salient issues discussed and agreed at the Charities Committee.

The Committee received a presentation on the Strategic Fundraising Review for Charitable Funds. The purpose of the review was to gain a better understanding of the following four points:

1) Are the Trust’s current fundraising efforts as effective as they could be?
2) Is the Trust protecting the best interests of its donors?
3) Is there scope to better coordinate fundraising across the Trust?
4) If so, what would it look like?

The presentation sparked a wide ranging discussion on the role of the Charity Committee and the Fundraising function of the Trust, including looking at Return on Investment levels, the targets set for the Cancer campaign, and the skills within Forever Friends and the Charity Committee. The Committee has requested that further work is undertaken and will need to be reviewed by all Trustees in the next financial year.

The Committee reviewed the Financial Report as at 31 December 2012, noting that Forever Friends Appeal income had increased by £0.2m in the last quarter and spend in the Breast Unit on Medical Equipment.

An update from Friends of the RUH was provided. The temporary relocation of the Friends coffee shop whilst redevelopment was planned was noted.

The Charity Committee reviewed the latest position on work to enhance the patient environment by replacing bedside tables and chairs. Progress was noted and options for how to take this forward will be developed.
### Key Risks and their impact on the Organisation

None.

### Key Decisions

The Committee:
- Requested a review of the long-term plans for the cancer fundraising campaign
- Trust Board to agree the request for a full Trustees meeting to review the results of the review of fundraising

### Exceptions and Challenges

No other issues.

### Governance and Other Business

No other issues.

### Future Business

In line with the Committee’s work plan.

### Recommendations

The Trust Board is asked to note the report.