

Birmingham City Council

Report to Cabinet Committee – Group Company Governance

12 May 2021



Subject: Company Update
Report of: Rebecca Hellard, Interim Chief Finance Officer
Relevant Cabinet Member: Councillor Brigid Jones
Relevant O &S Chair(s): Councillor Sir Albert Bore
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Are specific wards affected?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No – All wards affected
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1 Executive Summary

This report provides Members with an update on changes within entities that fall within the Council's group structure.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 Members are asked to note the information provided within the report and at private appendix 1 which contains commercially confidential details concerning associated companies.

3 Background

3.1 There have been a number of changes in companies that fall within the Council's group structure, which have been detailed below.

3.2 Company Changes

Details of the changes in companies are set out below, where a termination or appointment is made that is not a BCC member, officer or associate it is not noted.

1. IB (BIRMINGHAM) LIMITED (01623466) - 15-Mar-21 Termination of appointment of Martin Richard Stevens as a director on 10 March 2021
2. BIRMINGHAM WHEELS (01991870) - 30-Mar-21 Previous accounting period extended from 31 March 2020 to 30 September 2020
3. BIRMINGHAM WHEELS (ENTERPRISES) LIMITED (01900151) - 30-Mar-21 previous accounting period extended from 31 March 2020 to 30 September 2020; withdrawal of a person with significant control statement on 30 March 2021; notification of Birmingham City Council as a person with significant control on 30 March 2021
4. ACIVICO (DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND FACILITIES MANAGEMENT) LIMITED (07918913); ACIVICO (BUILDING CONSULTANCY) LIMITED (07918763) and ACIVICO LIMITED (07792304) - 07-Apr-21 Registered office address changed from Louisa House 92 - 93 Edward Street Birmingham B1 2RA England to 10 Woodcock Street Birmingham B7 4BL on 7 April 2021

3.3 Annual accounts have been submitted for the following companies:

Company		unqualified audit (where applicable)
FORWARD HOMES (BIRMINGHAM) LIMITED (09451223)	Accounts for a dormant company made up to 31 March 2020	n/a
FRONTIER DEVELOPMENT CAPITAL LIMITED (09967393)	Total exemption full accounts made up to 30 November 2020	n/a
BIRMINGHAM MUSEUMS TRUST (07737797)	Group of companies' accounts made up to 31 March 2020	Y
ERDINGTON TOWN CENTRE PARTNERSHIP (04428948)	Total exemption full accounts made up to 5 April 2020	n/a
PARADISE CIRCUS GENERAL PARTNER LIMITED (08686238)	Accounts for a dormant company made up to 30 June 2020	n/a
ARDEN CROSS LIMITED (09948413)	Accounts for a small company made up to 31 March 2020	n/a
THE JEWELLERY QUARTER DEVELOPMENT TRUST CIC (07675188)	Total exemption full accounts made up to 31 March 2020	n/a
CSR CITY LIMITED (09734006)	Accounts for a dormant company made up to 31 August 2020	n/a

3.4 Covid-19

A review of the material group company interests of the council is an ongoing process to understand the impact of Covid-19 on their business plans and performance. This review is refreshed as further information becomes available both nationally, within the industry categories and within each organisation. This review will continue to be updated and a snapshot reported to each meeting of the Group Company Governance Committee. Where it is indicated that there is a risk of a financial impact to the council then that will be reported within the regular revenue and capital monitoring reports to Cabinet.

The detailed review contains commercially sensitive information that may impact on performance were it to be made public. A private appendix is presented on the private agenda.

4 Options considered and Recommended Proposal

- 4.1 This report provides information to Members on changes to organisations that fall within the Council's group structure. Further reports will be provided to future meetings of this committee.

5 Consultation

- 5.1 The Chair of the Committee has been consulted in the preparation of this Report.

6 Risk Management

- 6.1 This report sets out information on external organisations associated with the Council.

7 Compliance Issues:

- 7.1 **How are the recommended decisions consistent with the City Council's priorities, plans and strategies?**

a) The Council provides services to community through a number of different vehicles. This report provides information on entities associated with the Council through which service delivery is being provided.

7.2 Legal Implications

a) The Council's Section 151 Officer has a duty to ensure the proper administration of the Council's financial affairs. The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, requires the Council to have effective arrangements for the management of risk.

7.3 Financial Implications

a) The Council needs to consider whether any of the changes in the company group structure has a financial impact on or increases the financial risks to the Council.

7.4 Procurement Implications

a) There are no procurement implications directly arising from this report.

7.5 Human Resources Implications

a) There are no human resources implications directly arising from this report.

7.6 Public Sector Equality Duty

- a) There are no equality duty or equality analysis issues relating to the proposals set out in this report.

8 Background Documents

CIPFA Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting