

## Birmingham City Council

### Report to Cabinet Committee – Group Company Governance

15 July 2020



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**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  
**Report author:** Alison Jarrett

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. ST BASIL'S (03964376) - Registration of charge 039643760003, created on 10 March 2020.
2. BIRMINGHAM WHEELS (01991870) - Compulsory strike-off action has been discontinued. This action was first reported in the March GCGC meeting.
3. BIRMINGHAM ASIAN RESOURCE CENTRE (04351686) - First Gazette notice for compulsory strike-off. This notice was made on the 31 March and was followed on 22 April with a notice to state that compulsory strike-off action has been discontinued. There are no members or officers as director to this company.
4. BIRMINGHAM WHEELS (ENTERPRISES) LIMITED (01900151) - Compulsory strike-off action has been discontinued.
5. ACIVICO LIMITED (07792304) - Statement of capital following an allotment of shares on 1 April 2020.
6. BIRMINGHAM MUNICIPAL HOUSING LIMITED (07021056) - Previous accounting period extended from 30 September 2019 to 31 March 2020.
7. BIRMINGHAM MUSEUMS TRADING LIMITED (04221635) - Termination of appointment of Ellen Mcadam as a director on 1 June 2020.
8. THE GREATER BIRMINGHAM AND SOLIHULL LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP LIMITED (07635395) - Termination of appointment of Clive Heaphy as a secretary on 4 June 2020.
9. BIRMINGHAM WHOLESALE MARKET COMPANY LIMITED (09621110) - Termination of appointment of Jacqueline Kennedey as a director on 30 June 2020.
10. FRONTIER DEVELOPMENT HOLDINGS LIMITED (09970140) - Appointment of Mrs Alison Jane Jarrett as a director on 31 March 2020 and notification as a person with significant control on 31 March 2020.

11. FRONTIER DEVELOPMENT HOLDINGS LIMITED (09970140) - Termination of appointment of Clive Andrew Heaphy as a director on 31 March 2020 and cessation as a person with significant control on 31 March 2020.

**3.3 Annual accounts have been submitted for the following companies:**

<b>Company</b>		<b>unqualified audit (where applicable)</b>
BIRMINGHAM CURZON REGENERATION COMPANY LIMITED (09095850)	Accounts for a dormant company made up to 30 June 2019	N/A
FRONTIER DEVELOPMENT CAPITAL LIMITED (09967393)	Total exemption full accounts made up to 30 November 2019	N/A
ASCARII LIMITED (07970532)	Total exemption full accounts made up to 31 December 2019	N/A
PARADISE CIRCUS NOMINEE 1 LIMITED (09290749)	Accounts for a dormant company made up to 30 June 2019	N/A
PARADISE CIRCUS NOMINEE 2 LIMITED (09290751)	Accounts for a dormant company made up to 30 June 2019	N/A
PARADISE CIRCUS MANAGEMENT COMPANY LIMITED (09346047)	Accounts for a dormant company made up to 30 June 2019	N/A
BIRMINGHAM WHEELS (ENTERPRISES) LIMITED (01900151)	Total exemption full accounts made up to 31 March 2019	N/A
CSR CITY LIMITED (09734006)	Accounts for a dormant company made up to 31 August 2019	N/A
BIRMINGHAM MUNICIPAL HOUSING LIMITED (07021056)	Accounts for a dormant company made up to 31 March 2020	N/A
BIRMINGHAM CHARITIES LIMITED (10392574)	Accounts for a dormant company made up to 30 September 2019	N/A
PARADISE CIRCUS GENERAL PARTNER LIMITED (08686238)	Accounts for a dormant company made up to 30 June 2019	N/A
BIRMINGHAM WHEELS (01991870)	Total exemption full accounts made up to 31 March 2019	N/A
BIRMINGHAM WHOLESALE MARKET COMPANY LIMITED (09621110)	Total exemption full accounts made up to 30 September 2019	N/A

### **3.4 Covid-19**

A review of the material group company interests of the council has taken place in to understand the impact of Covid-19 on their business plans and current performance. This review was first undertaken over the initial weeks of lockdown and has been refreshed as further information has become 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