

Birmingham City Council

Report to Cabinet Committee – Group Company Governance

15 July 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
If yes, name(s) of ward(s):		
Is this a key decision?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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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 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. CREATIVE ADVANTAGE WEST MIDLANDS LIMITED (03914725) - Registered office address changed from C/O Pkf Cooper Parry Group Ltd One Central Boulevard Blythe Valley Business Park Solihull West Midlands B90 8BG England to Lyndon House Rmy 62 Hagley Road Edgbaston Birmingham B16 8PE on 12 May 2021
2. BIRMINGHAM CURZON REGENERATION COMPANY LIMITED (09095850) - 28-Jun-21 Appointment of Mr Guy Antony Olivant as a director on 28 June 2021
3. BIRMINGHAM CURZON REGENERATION COMPANY LIMITED (09095850) - 28-Jun-21 - Termination of appointment of Martin Richard Stevens as a director on 28 June 2021
4. BIRMINGHAM CHARITIES LIMITED (10392574) - 28-Jun-21 - Appointment of Mr Guy Antony Olivant as a director on 28 June 2021
5. BIRMINGHAM CHARITIES LIMITED (10392574) - 28-Jun-21 - Termination of appointment of Martin Richard Stevens as a director on 28 June 2021

3.3 Annual accounts have been submitted for the following companies:

Company		unqualified audit (where applicable)
BIRMINGHAM GLOBAL LIMITED	Accounts for a small company made up to 31 July 2020	Y
BIRMINGHAM CITY PROPCO LIMITED	Accounts for a small company made up to 31 March 2020	Y
CREATIVE ADVANTAGE WEST MIDLANDS LIMITED	Total exemption full accounts made up to 31 March 2021	N/A
BIRMINGHAM SCHOOLS SPC PHASE 1A LIMITED	Full accounts made up to 31 December 2020	Y
BIRMINGHAM SCHOOLS SPC HOLDINGS PHASE 1A LTD	Group of companies' accounts made up to 31 December 2020	Y
BIRMINGHAM SCHOOLS SPC PHASE 1B LIMITED	Full accounts made up to 31 December 2020	Y
BIRMINGHAM SCHOOLS SPC HOLDINGS PHASE 1B LIMITED	Group of companies' accounts made up to 31 December 2020	Y

ASCARII LIMITED	Total exemption full accounts made up to 31 December 2020	N/A
BRIDGE STREET MANAGEMENT LIMITED	Total exemption full accounts made up to 31 December 2020	N/A
BIRMINGHAM CURZON REGENERATION COMPANY LIMITED	Accounts for a dormant company made up to 30 June 2020	N/A
BIRMINGHAM CHARITIES LIMITED	Accounts for a dormant company made up to 30 September 2020	N/A
BIRMINGHAM WHOLESALE MARKET COMPANY LIMITED	Total exemption full accounts made up to 30 September 2020	N/A
BIRMINGHAM WHEELS (ENTERPRISES) LIMITED	Micro company accounts made up to 30 September 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.

From July 19 2021 the impact of the ending of the furlough scheme and the return to more “normal” trading or implementation of recovery plans will be monitored and reported.

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