

Birmingham City Council

Report to Cabinet Committee – Group Company Governance

13 February 2019



Subject: Overview of Companies – A Report for Information
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Relevant Cabinet Member: Councillor Brigid Jones
Relevant O & S Chair(s): Councillor Sir Albert Bore
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1 Executive Summary

1.1 This report provides Members with an overview of directors and Committee Members' training to date provided on:

- a) 29 October 2018
- b) 24 January 2019

2 Recommendations

2.1 Members are asked to:

- note the information provided
- Consider the proposals for future training needs.

3 Background

- 3.1 The Council owns, appoints to or otherwise has an interest in approximately 170 organisations made up of limited companies, charities, trusts and other entities.
- 3.2 The Committee has directed that all newly appointed Council nominated directors, observers and trustees shall receive mandatory training in their roles and responsibilities as directors, within three months of such appointment.
- 3.3 The Committee has requested a programme of training to ensure Council nominated/appointed directors, observers and trustees are adequately equipped to perform the duties required of them.
- 3.4 A feedback questionnaire from the most recent session will help inform future training needs but specific training for trustees and guidance on conflicts of interest are priority areas. A training plan will be presented to a future Committee meeting once this information has been collated.

4 Options considered and Recommended Proposal

- 4.1 The report is for consideration

5 Consultation

- 5.1 The Chair of the Committee has been consulted.

6 Risk Management

- 6.1 Failure to provide directors, observers and trustees with adequate training could result in non-compliance with statutory requirements and personal liability. A robust and comprehensive programme of mandatory training mitigates this risk.

7 Compliance Issues:

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

The report is consistent with the Council's commitment to improve its corporate governance responsibilities.

7.2 Legal Implications

- a) None – the report is for information only

7.3 Financial Implications

- a) None

7.4 Procurement Implications

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

7.5 Human Resources Implications (if required)

- 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

8.1 None

Appendix 1

- Summary of training