

Birmingham City Council

Report to Cabinet Committee – Group Company Governance

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Subject: Unique Venues Birmingham Ltd (UVB)
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Relevant Cabinet Member: Councillor Brigid Jones
Relevant O &S Chair(s): Councillor Mohammed Aikhlaq
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1 Executive Summary

A presentation is to be made to the Committee by Unique Venues Birmingham Ltd on their joint contractual position with the Council. This report provides Members with an outline of the company and BCC contractual interests.

2 Recommendations

2.1 Members are asked to note the information provided

3 Background

- 3.1 Unique Venues Birmingham (UVB) is a wholly owned subsidiary of Birmingham Repertory Theatre and a commercial venture between the Theatre and Birmingham City Council through its ownership of the Library of Birmingham. UVB was launched in 2017 to bring together the existing operations in each venue. It now provides one conferencing and hospitality service to both corporate and private clients within the shared building on Centenary Square in the centre of the city. UVB is a wholly owned subsidiary of Birmingham Repertory Theatre Ltd jointly governed by Birmingham Repertory Theatre and Birmingham City Council (BCC).
- 3.2 A Collaboration Agreement exists between UVB, Birmingham Repertory Theatre and BCC and sets out both profit share and the process for sharing of any trading loss equally between the Theatre and the Council. This Agreement is due for renewal in 2021/22 and all parties are committed to ensuring a successful renewal. Today's presentation by UVB to members of CC-GCG on the private agenda will further inform the process.
- 3.3 The council appointed directors of UVB are Chris Jordan, AD Neighbourhoods and Guy Olivant, Business Partner, Council Management

4 Options considered and Recommended Proposal

- 4.1 This report provides information to Members on the council's interest in the Birmingham Airport Group and will assist in the exchanges and discussion on the presentation within the private agenda.

5 Consultation

- 5.1 No consultation has been undertaken.

6 Risk Management

- 6.1 This report provides an outline of the company and background for discussion of company performance with the Council's liaison and support officer for the company.

7 Compliance Issues:

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

The recommended decision supports the Birmingham City Council Plan 2018-2022, contributing to the priority of Birmingham being an entrepreneurial city to learn, work and invest in.

7.2 Legal Implications

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

There are no financial implications directly arising from this report but Members should consider any questions or considerations arising from this report for discussion during the private agenda.

7.4 Procurement Implications

There are no procurement implications directly arising from this report.

7.5 Human Resources Implications

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

7.6 Public Sector Equality Duty

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

8 Background Documents

None