

Birmingham City Council

Report to Cabinet Committee – Group Company Governance

18 May 2023



Subject: Company Update
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Relevant Cabinet Member: Councillor Brigid Jones
Relevant O &S Chair(s): Councillor Akhlaq Ahmed
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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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If relevant, provide exempt information paragraph number or reason if confidential : Appendix of Company updates giving personal or commercially confidential information		

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 group and associated companies.
- 2.2 Members are requested to provide views and observations at private discussion on the current and future board structure of Birmingham Children's Trust and on the closure of two wholly owned dormant companies.

3 Background

3.1 This report details Companies House reportable changes to companies that fall within the Council's group structure, reviews published accounts for audit assurance and details any material items for discussion, disclosure or recommended decision in relation to the Council's group of companies.

3.2 Company Changes

Details of changes in companies notified to Companies House since the previous Committee meeting are set out below, where a termination or appointment is made that is not a BCC member, officer or associate it is not noted. There are no updates in this regard at this date.

3.3 Annual accounts have been submitted for the following companies:

Company		unqualified audit (where applicable)
PARADISE CIRCUS MANAGEMENT COMPANY LIMITED (09346047) - 09-Mar-23	Accounts for a dormant company made up to 30 June 2022	N/A
PARADISE CIRCUS NOMINEE 1 LIMITED (09290749) - 09-Mar-23	Accounts for a dormant company made up to 30 June 2022	N/A
PARADISE CIRCUS NOMINEE 2 LIMITED (09290751) - 09-Mar-23	Accounts for a dormant company made up to 30 June 2022	N/A
BIRMINGHAM ASIAN RESOURCE CENTRE (04351686) - 31-Mar-23	Total exemption full accounts made up to 31 March 2022	N/A
BIRMINGHAM CURZON REGENERATION COMPANY LIMITED (09095850) - 31-Mar-23	Accounts for a dormant company made up to 30 June 2022	N/A
PARADISE CIRCUS GENERAL PARTNER LIMITED (08686238) - 03-Apr-23	Accounts for a dormant company made up to 30 June 2022	N/A

3.4 Company Performance

A specific update from Birmingham Children's Trust is presented on the private agenda. Under The Articles of Association for the Trust, an Ordinary Resolution is required by the Sole Member (BCC) before any changes are made to the board structure of the Trust. The Committee is being asked to consider proposals before an Ordinary Resolution is presented to the Council's authorised officers (s.151 Officer/Chief Executive) for approval. As this update contains personal information it is on the private agenda.

3.5 Closure of Companies

The company update, Appendix 1, also contains details of two wholly owned companies that officers propose to close, these are GBS Finance Ltd and LSB Law Ltd, both of which are dormant. Committee are asked to consider whether there are any objections to these proposals.

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.
b) There are no direct financial implications arising from consideration of this report and the recommendations contained within it.

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