

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

CABINET COMMITTEE – GROUP COMPANY GOVERNANCE

**Tuesday 18 September 2018 at 1330
hours in Meeting Room 329, Council
House, Victoria Square, Birmingham**

Attendance:

Councillor Brigid Jones in the Chair;
Councillors Brett O'Reilly, Debbie Clancy and (Mike Ward – replaced Jon Hunt)

Also in Attendance:

Kate Charlton-	City Solicitor
Clive Heaphy-	Strategic Director
Connie Price -	Head of Service Birmingham
Georgina Dean-	Solicitor
Martin Stevens	Head of City Finance Accounts
Nigel Kletz	Director, Commissioning & Procurement
Marie Reynolds	Committee Services

1 APOLOGY

Councillor Jon Hunt submitted an apology.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

3 MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Membership of the Committee was noted:-

The Deputy Leader - Chair

Councillor Brigid Jones

Cabinet Member – Finance and Resources

Councillor Brett O'Reilly

Cross Party Representation

Councillor Debbie Clancy (Con)

Councillor Jon Hunt (Lib Dem)

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The following terms of reference was submitted:-

(See document No. 1)

Following a discussion it was:

RESOLVED:-

The Committee noted:-

- Membership of the Committee
- Terms of Reference and agreed to adopt with amendments
- The amended Terms of Reference to be re-circulated as soon as possible and shared with Entities.
- List of Companies to be submitted at the next meeting.
- Committee Members to receive training prior to the next meeting.
- Monthly Meetings
- Set future Work Programme

4 INFORMATION USED IN THE COMPILATION OF GROUP ACCOUNTS – PUBLIC

The following report of the Corporate Director, Finance and Governance was submitted:-

(See document No. 1)

Martin Stevens, Head of City Finance introduced the report which detailed the Council's Group Financial Statements for 2017/18.

RESOLVED:-

The Committee noted the report and considered any future report requirements.

5 DIRECTOR APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

During the discussion the following points were captured:-

- Possible potential for BCC to create a Director pool
- Protocol for appointments
- Identify officers of certain grades – screening
- Processes put in place to obtain control of directorships
- Future monitoring of the number of directorships held by officers

RESOLVED:-

Recognised structure in place

List of directors of all boards.

6 TRAINING ARRANGEMENTS

During the discussion it was highlighted:-

3 training sessions – by external provider

Committee Members to receive training session prior to next meeting

Boards – receive appropriate training & updated accordingly.

Shared learning Information related to training:-

Nigel Kletz	– LGA Commercial
Kate Charlton	– Combined Authority – what training is taking place
	– Core cities – what training is taking place nationally
Connie Price	– Importance to ensure uniformity/accountable
Clive Heaphy	– Review Board effectiveness – pick up

RESOLVED:-

Committee to be updated at the next meeting.

7 FUTURE MEETINGS AND REPORTING ARRANGEMENTS

During the discussion relating to the work programme, it was suggested the following should be considered at the next meeting:-

Acivico (DCFM contract – paused) Full report to CMT – Oct 2018 – through this Committee see sight of this and options.

Redevelopment - Paradise Circus

Private and Public Joint venture

RESOLVED:-

Acivico - Deep Dives
Redevelopment Paradise Circus - Deep Dives
Full operational working programme for financial year
Business Plan of each of the Companies
Overview of Finance

PRIVATE AGENDA

8 INFORMATION USED IN THE COMPILATION OF GROUP ACCOUNTS – PRIVATE

The following report of the Corporate Director, Finance and Governance was submitted:-

(See document No. 2)

Martin Stevens, Head of City Finance introduced the report and made particular reference to the company information detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.

RESOLVED:-

The Committee noted the report and considered any future report requirements.

9 OTHER URGENT BUSINESS (EXEMPT INFORMATION)

None considered.