

Birmingham City Council

Report to Cabinet Committee – Group Company Governance

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Subject: Company Update
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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
If relevant, add Forward Plan Reference:		
Is the decision eligible for call-in?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input 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

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.

Company Changes

- 3.2 Details of the 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. *IB (Birmingham) Limited- formerly known as Innovation Birmingham Limited*
The holding company limited by guarantee is wholly owned by the City Council. The company, which operated through its subsidiaries, ceased to trade on 18 April 2018 when its subsidiary companies were sold, and the company then became dormant. In line with the report to Cabinet 6th March 2018 which considered the sale, it is intended to now dissolve the company using a members' voluntary liquidation.
2. GALLERY 37 FOUNDATION LTD (05846196) – Termination of Councillor Alberta Margaret Waddington as a director on 3 May 2018. Notification by Companies House on 12 September 2019.
3. BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT HOLDINGS LIMITED (03312673) – Termination of appointment of Waheed Nazir as a director on 23 September 2019.
4. BIRMINGHAM CITY PROPCO LIMITED (10989837) – Appointment of Mrs Kathryn Elizabeth James as a director on 23 October 2019.

Additional changes yet to be confirmed at Companies House as a result of the resignation of Waheed Nazir are:

5. Arden Cross Ltd - Ian McCleod to be appointed
6. Birmingham City Propco Ltd - Kathryn James to be appointed
7. Paradise Circus General Partner Ltd - Guy Olivant appointed
8. Paradise Circus Management Company Ltd – Guy Olivant appointed
9. Paradise Circus Nominee 1 Ltd – Guy Olivant appointed
Paradise Circus Nominee 2 Ltd – Guy Olivant appointed

Company	Audit unqualified sign-off (where applicable)
Acocks Green Village Bid Company Limited (07845519)	Micro-accounts - unaudited
Harborne Village Bid Ltd (11123874)	Unaudited - exempt
St Basil's (03964376)	Audited - unqualified
Gordon And Phillips Words And Pictures Company Ltd (08144984)	Unaudited - exempt
Bridge Street Management Limited (02286322)	Unaudited - exempt

Frontier Development Holdings Limited (09970140)	Dormant accounts - unaudited
Castle Vale Neighbourhood Partnership Limited (05140750)	Audited - unqualified
Icknield Port Loop Llp (Oc397591)	Audited - unqualified
Birmingham City Propco Limited (10989837)	Audited - unqualified
Acivico (Building Consultancy) Limited (07918763)	Audited - unqualified
Acivico (Design, Construction And Facilities Management) Limited (07918913)	Audited - unqualified
Acivico Limited (07792304)	Audited - unqualified
The Greater Birmingham And Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership Limited (07635395)	Audited - unqualified
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Retail Birmingham Limited (06181225)	Audited - unqualified
Birmingham Disability Resource Centre (02897250)	Audited - unqualified

- 3.3 Further work is being undertaken to try and capture information on charities that are associated with maintained schools within the City. As part of the work undertaken by Birmingham Audit in their visits to schools, they are now asking whether there are any charities associated with the school. Each finding will be added to the master-list of company and/or charitable interests.

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