

Birmingham City Council 2018-19 Informing the Audit Risk Assessment

Group Accounts Preparation

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Company Environment	
What approach does the company have for ensuring that Directors and Senior Management have the necessary skills to enable them to fulfil their responsibilities appropriately	Birmingham City Council officers manage the Companies and Partnership. Birmingham City Council officers have been appointed Directors of the Companies.
How does the company ensure that Directors engage fully with the company and what is the record of attendance	Birmingham City Council officers manage the Companies and Partnership. Birmingham City Council officers have been appointed Directors of the Companies. All meetings held during 2017/18 were attended by both directors.
Please explain the system of governance and the financial control environment within the company	During 2017/18, the City Council implemented an asset backed funding structure to allow the City to finance payments to the NEC Limited Pension Fund. As part of this, the City set up wholly owned companies PETPS (Birmingham) Capital Limited and PETPS (Birmingham) General Partner Limited which established PETPS (Birmingham) Pension Funding SLP. The Partnership was capitalised with £17.2m cash which has been loaned back to the City. All cash transactions are processed through the City Council's financial systems .
Please explain how management gains assurance on its control environment, its process for reviewing the effectiveness of the system of	All cash transactions are processed through the City Council's financial systems..

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internal controls and the results of any reviews that have been undertaken.	
What are the company's arrangements for the development of its Business Plan, including details of cashflow management, determination of going concern and how are plans developed for taking remedial action to any adverse changes within the company	Not applicable. The largest transaction relates to payments by the City Council to the Partnership under the £17.2m loan and the Partnership makes payments to the Trustee of the Fund in accordance with an agreed distribution schedule.
What is the company's approach to the development of business continuity plans.	Not applicable
What is the company's approach to ensuring compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) requirements	Birmingham City Council officers manage the Companies and Partnership in line with Birmingham City Council processes.
The Identification, Mitigation and Reporting of Risk	
Please set out your management's views on your risk assessment process as it related to financial reporting.	All cash transactions are processed through the City Council's financial systems.
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responding to risks of fraud.	
How do those charged with governance monitor management's processes for identifying and responding to risks of fraud.	All cash transactions are processed through the City Council's financial systems.
Please set out the areas that face fraud risks, including specific accounts or classes of transactions where fraud risks have been identified.	Not applicable. The largest transaction relates to payments by the City Council to the Partnership under the £17.2m loan and the Partnership makes payments to the Trustee of the Fund in accordance with an agreed distribution schedule
How does the company's management communicate to those charged with governance with respect to business risks (including fraud).	Birmingham City Council officers manage the Companies and Partnership. Birmingham City Council officers have been appointed Directors of the Companies.
What has been your Management's awareness or allegations of fraud, errors, or other irregularities during the period.	None
How your organisation would raise the Council's Audit Committee's awareness of fraud or suspected fraud.	Birmingham City Council officers manage the Companies and Partnership. Birmingham City Council officers have been appointed Directors of the Companies.
How your organisation would communicate financial risks to the Council, for example, where there is an expected downturn in trading performance that would impact on the financial status of the company	Not applicable. The largest transaction relates to payments by the City Council to the Partnership under the £17.2m loan and the Partnership makes payments to the Trustee of the Fund in accordance with an agreed distribution schedule

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How would the company communicate any breach of GDPR requirements to the Council.	Birmingham City Council officers manage the Companies and Partnership. Birmingham City Council officers have been appointed Directors of the Companies.
What mitigating actions are in place to minimise financial losses from risk events or fraud, for example, what insurance cover does the company have in place.	All cash transactions are processed through the City Council's financial systems. Birmingham City Council maintains Directors and Officers insurance which both the companies and Directors have benefit of.
Financial Statements	
How does the company determine that its accounting policies are appropriate and what process is in place for ensuring they are kept under review.	Accounting policies are reviewed annually when preparing the Company accounts.
What matters or events occurred during the year that could influence your audit approach or may have an impact on the Council's consolidated financial statements.	None
Please set out details of any events or changes in circumstances that may cause an impairment of current or non-current assets.	None

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Please set out details of any indemnities or guarantees that the company has given.	None
Please set out details of any transactions, events or conditions (or changes in these) that may give rise to recognition or disclosure of significant accounting estimates that require significant judgement.	None
Please set out any issues identified by your external auditor and how the company is implementing any actions to mitigate those issues.	None
Please set out any material change of circumstances that have occurred, or may occur, that could impact on the company's performance.	None