

## Birmingham City Council

### Report to Cabinet Committee – Group Company Governance

13 January 2022



**Subject:** Company Update  
**Report of:** Rebecca Hellard, Director Council Management  
**Relevant Cabinet Member:** Councillor Brigid Jones  
**Relevant O &S Chair(s):** Councillor Mohammed Aikhlaq  
**Report author:** Alison Jarrett

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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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 within the report and at private appendix 1 which contains commercially confidential details concerning group and associated companies.

### 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.

#### 3.2 Company Changes

Details of 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 ARDEN CROSS LIMITED (09948413) 16-Nov-21 PSC06 Change of details for Birmingham City Council as a person with significant control on 26 September 2020

2 PropCo Ltd – 15 December 2021 - resignation of Kathryn James, Assistant Director Property as Director and appointment of Alison Jarrett, Director Group & Capital Finance as Director.

3.3 Annual accounts have been submitted for the following companies:

Company		unqualified audit (where applicable)
THE GREATER BIRMINGHAM AND SOLIHULL LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP LIMITED (07635395) - 16-Nov-21	Full accounts made up to 31 March 2021	Y
COLMORE BUSINESS DISTRICT LIMITED (06731032) - 18-Nov-21	Accounts for a small company made up to 31 March 2021	Y
BIRMINGHAM DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTRE (02897250) - 19-Nov-21	Accounts for a small company made up to 31 March 2021	Y
BIRMINGHAM ENDEAVOUR LIMITED (09995787) - 30-Nov-21	Unaudited abridged accounts made up to 28 February 2021	N/A
UNIQUE VENUES BIRMINGHAM LIMITED (10661257) - 10-Dec-21	Accounts for a small company made up to 31 March 2021	Y
CENTRAL TECHNOLOGY BELT (04649812) - 21-Dec-21	Accounts for a small company made up to 31 March 2021	N/A
WITTON LODGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (02903760) - 21-Dec-21	Group of companies' accounts made up to 31 March 2021	Y

INREACH (BIRMINGHAM) LIMITED (09352102) - 21-Dec-21	Accounts for a small company made up to 31 March 2021	Y
FORWARD HOMES (BIRMINGHAM) LIMITED (09451223) - 21-Dec-21	Accounts for a dormant company made up to 31 March 2021	N/A
BIRMINGHAM MUNICIPAL HOUSING LIMITED (07021056) - 21-Dec-21	Accounts for a dormant company made up to 31 March 2021	N/A
THE JEWELLERY QUARTER DEVELOPMENT TRUST CIC (07675188) - 22-Dec-21	Total exemption full accounts made up to 31 March 2021	Y
BIRMINGHAM SETTLEMENT (THE) (01946604) - 24-Dec-21	Total exemption full accounts made up to 31 March 2021	Y
BIRMINGHAM VENTURE CAPITAL LIMITED (01977205) - 29-Dec-21	Total exemption full accounts made up to 31 March 2021	N/A

### 3.4 Company Performance

A review of the material group company interests of the council is an ongoing process to understand current impacts, including Covid, supply chain costs, and Brexit on their business plans and performance. A snapshot of the business position is reported to each meeting of the Group Company Governance Committee on the private agenda and this month they are broadened to cover the company's performance, risks and issues, not necessarily focussing on the impact of Covid. The content of these reports will be reviewed to ensure they meet the needs of the Committee's terms of reference. As these updates contain commercially sensitive information that may impact on performance were it to be made public, they will remain on the private agenda however company information is reported on Companies House as required. Where it is indicated that there is a risk of a financial impact to the council then that will be reported within the regular revenue and capital monitoring reports to Cabinet.

## 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