

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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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.

3.2 Company Changes

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. At the November meeting of this committee, it was noted that the company ceased to trade on 18 April 2018 and the intention in line with the report to Cabinet on 6th March 2018 was to dissolve the company using a members' voluntary liquidation. On 5th December, 2 notifications were received by Companies House, appointment of a voluntary liquidator and declaration of solvency
2. FORWARD HOMES (BIRMINGHAM) LIMITED (09451223) – previous accounting period extended from 28 February 2019 to 31 March 2019
3. BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT HOLDINGS LIMITED (03312673) – Appointment of Mr Kevin John Hicks as a director on 6 November 2019.
4. BIRMINGHAM CURZON REGENERATION COMPANY LIMITED (09095850) – Appointment of Mr Martin Richard Stevens as a director on 5 December 2019. Termination of appointment of Richard Cowell as a director on 11 November 2019 and cessation of Richard Cowell as a person with significant control on 11 November 2019.
5. BIRMINGHAM WHOLESALE MARKET COMPANY LIMITED (09621110) - Appointment of Mr Robert Edward James as a director on 19 December 2019.

3.3 Annual accounts have been submitted for the following companies:

Company		unqualified audit (where applicable)
FORWARD HOMES (BIRMINGHAM) LIMITED (09451223)	Accounts for a dormant company made up to 31 March 2019	N/A
ST. PAUL'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST (01429707)	Accounts for a small company made up to 31 March 2019	Yes
BIRMINGHAM ENDEAVOUR LIMITED (09995787)	Accounts for a dormant company made up to 28 February 2019	N/A
ARDEN CROSS LIMITED (09948413)	Unaudited abridged accounts made up to 31 March 2019	N/A
BIRMINGHAM MUSEUMS TRADING LIMITED (04221635)	Accounts for a small company made up to 31 March 2019	Yes

BIRMINGHAM MUSEUMS TRUST (07737797)	Group of companies' accounts made up to 31 March 2019	Yes
BIRMINGHAM SETTLEMENT (THE) (01946604)	Group of companies' accounts made up to 31 March 2019	Yes
COLMORE BUSINESS DISTRICT LIMITED (06731032)	Accounts for a small company made up to 31 March 2019	Yes
CREATIVE ADVANTAGE WEST MIDLANDS LIMITED (03914725)	Unaudited abridged accounts made up to 31 March 2019	N/A
ASCARII LIMITED (07970532)	Total exemption full accounts made up to 31 December 2018	N/A
ERDINGTON TOWN CENTRE PARTNERSHIP (04428948)	Total exemption full accounts made up to 5 April 2019	N/A
WITTON LODGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (02903760)	Group of companies' accounts made up to 31 March 2019	Yes
THE GREATER BIRMINGHAM AND SOLIHULL LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP LIMITED (07635395)	Full accounts made up to 31 March 2019	Yes
BIRMINGHAM ASIAN RESOURCE CENTRE (04351686)	Total exemption full accounts made up to 31 March 2019	N/A
BIRMINGHAM VOLUNTARY SERVICE COUNCIL (00421688)	Group of companies' accounts made up to 31 March 2019	Yes
BIRMINGHAM VENTURE CAPITAL LIMITED (01977205)	Total exemption full accounts made up to 31 March 2019	N/A
CENTRAL TECHNOLOGY BELT (04649812)	Accounts for a small company made up to 31 March 2019	Yes
THE JEWELLERY QUARTER DEVELOPMENT TRUST CIC (07675188)	Total exemption full accounts made up to 31 March 2019	N/A

- 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