

## Birmingham City Council

### Report to Cabinet Committee – Group Company Governance

12 September 2019



**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.

#### 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.

- CSR City Ltd  
Appointment of Cllr Ian Ward as director on 3 July 2019. The company currently files dormant accounts.

3.3 Annual accounts have been submitted for the following companies:

Company	Audit unqualified sign-off (where applicable)
Birmingham Airport Services Ltd	Group accounts - unqualified
First Castle Developments Ltd	Group accounts - unqualified
Birmingham Airport Operations Ltd	Group accounts - unqualified
Birmingham Airport Air Traffic Ltd	Group accounts - unqualified
BHX Fire and Rescue Ltd	Group accounts - unqualified
Birmingham Airport Developments Ltd	Group accounts - unqualified
Euro-Hub Birmingham Ltd	Group accounts - unqualified
Birmingham Airport Holdings Ltd	Group accounts - unqualified
Birmingham Airport Finance Plc	Full Accounts – unqualified
Birmingham Airport Ltd	Full Accounts – unqualified
Birmingham Airport Pension Trustees Ltd	Dormant accounts - unaudited
BHX (Scotland) Ltd	Abridged accounts – unaudited
Birmingham Citizens Advice Bureau Services Ltd	Small Co accounts – unqualified
Finance Birmingham Ltd	Full Accounts – unqualified
Gallery 37 Foundation Ltd	Micro-company accounts – unaudited
Stockfield Community Association	Full accounts – unqualified
Stockfield Community Association (Subsidiary) Ltd	Small Co accounts – unqualified
Inreach (Birmingham) Ltd	Small Co accounts - unqualified
Kings Heath BID Ltd	Micro-company accounts – unaudited
National Exhibition Centre (Developments) Plc	Full accounts - unqualified
Performances Birmingham (Enterprises) Ltd	Small Co accounts - unqualified

3.4 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. Only one additional charity has been identified at present and additional information is being sought on the constitution, aims and members of the charity.

#### **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