

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

CABINET COMMITTEE - GROUP COMPANY GOVERNANCE

THURSDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 2022 AT 14:00 HOURS
IN COMMITTEE ROOM 2, COUNCIL HOUSE, VICTORIA SQUARE,
BIRMINGHAM, B1 1BB

A G E N D A

1 NOTICE OF RECORDING/WEBCAST

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2 APOLOGIES

To receive any apologies.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Members are reminded they must declare all relevant pecuniary and other registerable interests arising from any business to be discussed at this meeting.

If a disclosable pecuniary interest is declared a Member must not participate in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless they have been granted a dispensation.

If other registerable interests are declared a Member may speak on the matter only if members of the public are allowed to speak at the meeting but otherwise must not take part in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless they have been granted a dispensation.

If it is a 'sensitive interest', Members do not have to disclose the nature of the interest, just that they have an interest.

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- 5 - 8** 4 **PUBLIC NOTES OF THE LAST MEETING – 22 SEPTEMBER 2022**
- Notes of the meeting to be confirmed.
- 9 - 14** 5 **COMPANY UPDATE**
- Information update.
- 15 - 18** 6 **NEC PENSION STATEMENT**
- Report of Director Group & Capital Finance, Deputy s151
- 19 - 22** 7 **BIRMINGHAM MUSEUMS TRUST – PEN PORTRAIT (PUBLIC)**
- Report of Director Group & Capital Finance, Deputy s151
- 23 - 28** 8 **PARADISE CIRCUS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, PCLP – PEN PORTRAIT (PUBLIC)**
- Report of Director Group & Capital Finance, Deputy s151
- 9 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**
- The next Meeting is scheduled on Thursday 26 January 2023 at 1400 hours.
- 10 **OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**
- To consider any items of business by reason of special circumstances (to be specified) that in the opinion of the Chair are matters of urgency.
- 11 **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**
- That in view of the nature of the business to be transacted which includes exempt information of the category indicated the public be now excluded from the meeting:-
- Exempt Paragraph 3

PRIVATE AGENDA

12 **BIRMINGHAM MUSEUMS TRUST - (PRIVATE)**

Item Description

13 **PARADISE CIRCUS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, PCLP – (PRIVATE)**

Item Description

14 **NEC PENSION STATEMENT (PRIVATE)**

Item Description

15 **PRIVATE NOTES OF THE LAST MEETING – 22 SEPTEMBER 2022**

Item Description

16 **COMPANY UPDATE - PRIVATE**

Item Description

17 **OTHER URGENT BUSINESS (EXEMPT INFORMATION)**

To consider any items of business by reason of special circumstances (to be specified) that in the opinion of the Chair are matters of urgency.

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

CABINET COMMITTEE – GROUP COMPANY GOVERNANCE

Thursday 22 September 2022 at 1400
hours Committee Room 6, Council
House Extension, 6 Margaret Street
Birmingham B3 3BG

Attendance:

Councillor Yvonne Mosquito - Chair
Councillors Gareth Moore, Roger Harmer and Majid Mahmood

Also in Attendance:

Alison Jarrett	Director Group & Capital Finance, Deputy s151, Finance & Governance
Connie Price	Head of Law, Commercial, Procurement, Privacy & Information
Georgina Dean	Solicitor, Legal Services
Alex Cerruti	Trainee Solicitor, Legal Services
Mandeep Marwaha	Committee Services

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The business of the meeting and all discussions in relation to individual reports was available for public inspection via the web-stream.

APOLOGIES

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Apologies were submitted on behalf of Councillor Brigid Jones and Councillor Yvonne Mosquito would be chairing the meeting in her absence.

Councillor Majid Mahmood (Cabinet Member) in attendance as an additional Cabinet Member as the quorum for a formal meeting is two Cabinet Members and one opposition member.

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Councillor Jon Hunt and Councillor Roger Harmer in attendance as his substitute.

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

- 3 There were no declarations of interests made.
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PUBLIC NOTES OF THE LAST MEETING – 06 JULY 2022

- 4 The public notes of the 06 July 2022 were noted at this meeting and there were no matters arising.
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COMPANY UPDATE

The following report of the Director Group & Capital Finance, Deputy s151 was submitted:-

(See document No. 1)

The Director Group & Capital Finance, gave an overview of the latest changes made across the Council's portfolio of companies since the last meeting. The private agenda contains the details of confidential updates.

It was noted there were five company changes listed under 3.2 of the report. A summary of these changes was provided.

A number of accounts had been submitted since the meeting in July however, no issues were identified on the audits. If there were any concerns that impact the Council in revenue, then this would go through the Revenue Budget monitoring report through the appropriate channels. There was nothing of this nature to report at this meeting.

The private appendix highlighted commercially confidential details associated with the companies. This gave a snapshot of the business position which is reported to each meeting of the Group Company Governance Committee on the private agenda.

Councillor Majid Mahmood highlighted the Overview and Scrutiny Chair listed on the covering report was incorrect. The report should state Councillor Aikhlaq Ahmed as the relevant O&S Chair. Officers noted comments made and would apply this to future reports.

5 **RESOLVED: -**

The Committee noted the information provided within the report and at private appendix 1 which contains commercially confidential details concerning associated companies.

TRAINING UPDATE

A verbal update on training was provided by the Head of Law, Commercial, Procurement, Privacy & Information

Key points noted;

- The Committee were previously informed that extensive training and refresher training would be provided to new Directors following the appointments made after the elections. The legal team were compiling a list of the Directors that require training. The Training would consist of a single session based on Director's roles and responsibilities as well as Board Effectiveness training. There was a challenge of finding a suitable day for everyone to meet for 4-5 hours.
- Mop up sessions would take place on a 1:1 basis or in small groups.
- Charity, Trustee Directors training – This would be reviewed separately as the rules associated with this role were different to Company Board Directors.
- Roles and Responsibilities Training – This would be provided by the Civil Service.
- Board Effectiveness Training – This would be delivered by a private sector lecturer who lectures for British Venture Capital and Private Equity Association etc.
- Health and Safety, GDPR, Environmental Protection Training – This would be provided to Board Directors throughout the year

In response to Members questions, the following points were noted;

- Councillor Mosquito suggested officers should explore different ways of delivering parts of the training i.e. hybrid sessions; videos etc. Officers would explore the different options available.
- Councillor Moore raised concerns around the length of time allocated to the training sessions. It was felt 5 hours of training in one day was too long and officers to consider this whilst planning the sessions. Officers to explore splitting the training sessions into two sessions in order to maximise attendance. This was supported by Councillor Mahmood and for the sessions to be split into modules, split sessions of 2 – 2 ½ hours, possibly to hold some evening sessions for members who have daytime jobs.
- Dates would be circulated in advance of sessions to ensure there was good attendance.

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RESOLVED: -

The Committee noted the verbal update on training.

ACIVICO LIMITED - PEN PORTRAIT (PUBLIC)

The following report of the Director Group & Capital Finance, Deputy s151 was submitted:-

(See document No. 2)

Councillor Harmer queried how much work from Acivico Limited was undertaken for Birmingham City Council and how much work was for external consultancy. In response, it was noted that at present under the Teckal arrangements, 80% plus of the work was for Birmingham City Council. There were some opportunities arising in Worcestershire and Gloucestershire.

7 **RESOLVED: -**

Members noted the information contained within the Acivico Limited Pen Portrait report.

B:MUSIC - PEN PORTRAIT (PUBLIC)

The following report of the Director Group & Capital Finance, Deputy s151 was submitted:-

(See document No. 3)

No comments were made by Members of the Committee.

8 **RESOLVED: -**

- (i) Members noted the information contained within the B:Music Pen Portrait report.
 - (ii) Officers to explore Birmingham City Council Grant and service charges associated with B:Music.
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DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

9 The next meeting is scheduled on Thursday 17 November 2022 at 1400 hours.

10 **OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business to consider.

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED:-

11 That, in view of the sensitive nature of the discussion due to take place relating to Acivico Limited and B: Music, the public be now excluded from the meeting.

Public Report

Birmingham City Council**Report to Cabinet Committee – Group
Company Governance**

17 November 2022



Subject: Company Update

Report of: Rebecca Hellard, Director Council Management

Relevant Cabinet Member: Councillor Brigid Jones

Relevant O &S Chair(s): Councillor Akhlaq Ahmed

Report author: Alison Jarrett Director Group & Capital Finance

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
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, provide exempt information paragraph number or reason if confidential :		

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 notified to Companies House since the previous Committee meeting 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. BIRMINGHAM WHEELS (ENTERPRISES) LIMITED (01900151) - 27-Sep-22 - Final Gazette dissolved via voluntary strike-off (first Gazette notice reported at September meeting)
2. ACOCKS GREEN VILLAGE BID COMPANY LIMITED (07845519) - 11-Oct-22 - Final Gazette dissolved via voluntary strike-off (first notice reported September meeting)
3. RETAIL BIRMINGHAM LIMITED (06181225) - 12-Oct-22 - Termination of appointment of John Leslie Barton Cotton as a director on 12 October 2022
4. BIRMINGHAM MUSEUMS TRUST (07737797) - 01-Nov-22 - First Gazette notice for compulsory strike-off. 02-Nov-22 - Compulsory strike-off action has been discontinued.

3.3 Annual accounts have been submitted for the following companies:

Company		unqualified audit (where applicable)
INREACH (BIRMINGHAM) LIMITED (09352102) - 20-Sep-22	Accounts for a small company made up to 31 March 2022	Y
STOCKFIELD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (SUBSIDIARY) LIMITED (02624455) - 23-Sep-22	Accounts for a small company made up to 31 December 2021	Y
STOCKFIELD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (02588109) - 23-Sep-22	Accounts for a small company made up to 31 December 2021	Y
BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT HOLDINGS LIMITED (03312673)- 30-Sep-22	Group of companies' accounts made up to 31 March 2022	Y
BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT (FINANCE) PLC (04061664) - 01-Oct-22	Full accounts made up to 31 March 2022	Y
BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT LIMITED (02078273) 01-Oct-22	Full accounts made up to 31 March 2022	Y
ST BASIL'S (03964376) - 03-Oct-22	Full accounts made up to 31 March 2022	Y

WITTON LODGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (02903760) - 13-Oct-22	Group of companies' accounts made up to 31 March 2022	Y
FRONTIER DEVELOPMENT HOLDINGS LIMITED (09970140) - 13-Oct-22	Accounts for a dormant company made up to 31 January 2022	N/A
COLMORE BUSINESS DISTRICT LIMITED (06731032) - 17-Oct-22	Accounts for a small company made up to 31 March 2022	Y
ST. PAUL'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST (01429707) - 27-Oct-22	Accounts for a small company made up to 31 March 2022	Y
BHX (SCOTLAND) LIMITED (SC445279) - 31-Oct-22	Total exemption full accounts made up to 31 March 2022	N.A
BIRMINGHAM DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTRE (02897250) - 31-Oct-22	Accounts for a small company made up to 31 March 2022	Y
BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT OPERATIONS LIMITED (09915844) - 01-Nov-22	Consolidated accounts of parent company for subsidiary company period ending 31/03/22	Y
EURO-HUB (BIRMINGHAM) LIMITED (02403252) - 01-Nov-22	Consolidated accounts of parent company for subsidiary company period ending 31/03/22	Y
BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT PENSION TRUSTEES LIMITED (08462219) - 01-Nov-22	Accounts for a dormant company made up to 31 March 2022	N/A
BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT AIR TRAFFIC LIMITED (08201487) - 01-Nov-22	Consolidated accounts of parent company for subsidiary company period ending 31/03/22	Y
BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT AIR TRAFFIC LIMITED (08201487) - 01-Nov-22	Audit exemption subsidiary accounts made up to 31 March 2022	N/A
BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT SERVICES LIMITED (08203043) - 01-Nov-22	Consolidated accounts of parent company for subsidiary company period ending 31/03/22	Y
BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT SERVICES LIMITED (08203043) - 01-Nov-22	Audit exemption subsidiary accounts made up to 31 March 2022	N/A
BHX FIRE AND RESCUE LIMITED (05997636) - 01-Nov-22	Consolidated accounts of parent company for subsidiary company period ending 31/03/22	Y
BHX FIRE AND RESCUE LIMITED (05997636) - 01-Nov-22	Audit exemption subsidiary accounts made up to 31 March 2022	Y

FIRST CASTLE DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED (02783202) - 01-Nov-22	Consolidated accounts of parent company for subsidiary company period ending 31/03/22	Y
FIRST CASTLE DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED (02783202) - 01-Nov-22	Audit exemption subsidiary accounts made up to 31 March 2022	N/A
BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED (02295119) - 02-Nov-22	Consolidated accounts of parent company for subsidiary company period ending 05/04/22	Y
BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED (02295119) - 02-Nov-22	Audit exemption subsidiary accounts made up to 5 April 2022	N/A
HARBORNE VILLAGE BID LTD (11123874) - 29-Sep-22	Micro company accounts made up to 31 December 2021	N/A
BIRMINGHAM WHEELS (01991870) - 12-Oct-22	Unaudited abridged accounts made up to 30 September 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, inflation and recession 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. 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 website 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

Public Report

Birmingham City Council**Report to Cabinet Committee – Group
Company Governance**

17 November 2022



Subject: NEC Pension - Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Consideration

Report of: Rebecca Hellard, Director Council Management

Relevant Cabinet Member: Councillor Brigid Jones

Relevant O &S Chair(s): Councillor Akhlaq Ahmed

Report author: Alison Jarrett Director Group & Capital Finance

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
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, provide exempt information paragraph number or reason if confidential :		
Exempt appendix contains investment portfolio information that is private to the Pension Fund and its Trustees and members.		

1 Executive Summary

The NEC Limited Pension Fund is overseen by Trustees appointed by PETPS, a company remaining within the corporate structure of the council following the sale of the NEC in 2015, the council has appointed trustees to operating with the Fund.

Periodically, as the Fund seeks to make decisions on its ESG balance within the portfolio, the views of the council and company are sought. This report sets out the content of a recent letter to PETPS enquiring whether there are any views that the council wish to make concerning the Trust's investment proposal. As a private pension plan its investment strategy and decision is confidential to the Trust. For this

reason the detail on the ESG balance and proposed change is set out in an exempt appendix.

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.

3 Background

- 3.1 Pensions investment regulations require ESG-related investment policies to be set out in a scheme's Statement of Investment Principles (SIP), covering financially material considerations (including, but not limited to, ESG and climate change) and how these are integrated into the investment strategy.
- 3.2 In its Statement of Investment Principles, publicly available at <https://2020trustees.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/SIP-July-2020.pdf>, the fund sets out its considerations concerning environmental, social and governance factors.

These are:

Environmental, social and corporate governance (ESG) factors are sources of risk to the Fund's investments, some of which could be financially significant, over both the short and longer term. These potentially include risks relating to factors such as climate change, unsustainable business practices, and unsound corporate governance. The Trustee seeks to appoint investment managers who will manage these risks appropriately on their behalf and from time to time reviews how these risks are being managed in practice.

- 3.3 The portfolio changes being considered by the Fund and on which the council's views are sought are given in the exempt appendix.

4 Options considered and Recommended Proposal

- 4.1 This report provides information to Members and seeks views on NEC Pension Fund portfolio considerations.

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 seeks the views of the Committee, portfolio risk sits with the Trustees of the Pension Fund..

7 Compliance Issues:

- 7.1 **How are the recommended decisions consistent with the City Council's priorities, plans and strategies?**
- a) This Delivery Plan sets out our work programme for the next 18 months, with a continued focus on our six priority outcomes for Birmingham:
- An entrepreneurial city to learn, work and invest in
 - An aspirational city to grow up in
 - A fulfilling city to age well in
 - A great city to live in

- A city whose residents gain the most from hosting the 2022 Commonwealth Games
- A city that takes a leading role in tackling climate change

The City has published policies and statements that align with the ESG principles, for example the Climate Emergency Statement, Social Value Charter, Route to Zero and Birmingham Living Wage Policy. Collectively these and other policies support the fundamental tenets behind the Council's Delivery Plan.

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) There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

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

NEC Pension Fund Statement of Investment Principles (available online)

Public Report

Birmingham City Council

Report to Cabinet Committee – Group
Company Governance17th November 2022

Subject: Birmingham Museums Trust - Company Pen Portrait
Report of: Alison Jarrett, Director Group & Capital Finance
Relevant Cabinet Member: Councillor Brigid Jones
Relevant O &S Chair(s): Councillor Akhlaq Ahmed
Report author: Alison Jarrett

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1 Executive Summary

Birmingham Museums Trust (BMT) is to present to Members on the private agenda. This report provides Members with a pen portrait of the Trust.

2 Recommendations

2.1 Members are asked to note the information provided

3 Background

3.1 BMT was set up in 2012 as a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee to manage the Council's historic houses, cultural sites and collections on behalf the City Council. The Trust has a trading subsidiary Birmingham Museums Trading Ltd which made a loss year ended 31 March 2021 and its subsidiary charity, Thinktank Trust. It should be noted that Birmingham has the largest civic museum service in England.

3.2 The collections are displayed and stored in nine venues including Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery which operates as the head office for the BMT. The collection contains approximately 1 million objects. Much of it is designated by Arts Council England (ACE) as being of national importance and many collections are of international significance. Only 1% is on display or on loan at any one time. The collection is stored in 2 locations; BMAG and the Museum Collection Centre (MCC), Dollman Street, Nechells.

3.3 Charitable Objectives

- To advance education by the operation, maintenance, development and promotion of museums, galleries and libraries in Birmingham, together with associated facilities and related programmes of outreach and research, fostering knowledge, understanding, appreciation and enjoyment of the arts, history, science and technology by residents and visitors to the city of Birmingham.

3.4 Vision

- To reflect Birmingham to the world, and the world to Birmingham.

3.5 Core purpose

- To showcase our outstanding collections and venues to inspire learning, creativity and enjoyment for people of Birmingham and visitors to the region.

3.6 Guiding Principles

- Inclusivity - Birmingham Museums Trust is for everyone
- Excellence - We strive to be leaders and innovators, offering great experiences to our customers
- Working Together - We work in partnership and support each other to achieve more for our audiences
- Trust - Birmingham Museums Trust can be trusted to deliver on our promises and plans
- Sustainable - We are entrepreneurial and put sustainability at the core of our practices

3.7 Aims

- Leading in excellence
- Developing the collection and venues
- Growing and diversifying audiences

- Building a sustainable business
- Investing in people

3.8 The company received a fixed fee payment for services from BCC of £3.233m in 2021 (2020 £3.183m) plus a variable performance based fee of £0.056m in 2021 (£2.223m 2020); Thinktank Trust has received loan finance of £11.5m and a grant of £1.4m to assist with property lease payments. During 2021 the Trust employed an average FTE of 180 together with the services of over 346 volunteers donating over 3,530 hours. This is a significant reduction from previous years when over a thousand volunteers worked with the Trust but this is a direct reflection of the closure of the Museum sites for the most part of the year ended 31 March 2021 due to the covid pandemic.

3.9 Planned maintenance and refurbishment works that have taken place within the Council House and are now to extend to the fuller complex of the Museum and this meant that the main City Centre site closed on Sunday 13th November 2022. Throughout 2023, while BMAG is closed, ongoing essential infrastructure works will continue. This includes electrical work, upgrading heating, roof repairs and the replacement of lifts. The Museum is scheduled to reopen to visitors in 2024.

3.9 Key personnel and board members within BMT are:

Sara Wajid and Zak Mensah - Joint CEO

Toby Watley - Director of Collections

Rachel Cockett - Director of Development

Janine Eason - Director of Engagement

Trustees

Neils De Vos (Chair) Councillor Robert Alden

Councillor Phil Davis Tony Simpson

Jonnie Turpie MBE Liam Darbon

Mohammed Ali MBE Claire Williamson

Elly Porter Supreena Kumani

John Diviney Clive Bawden

Dr Louise Brooke-Smith OBE, FRICS, MRTPI

Liam Byrne MP

4 Options considered and Recommended Proposal

- 4.1 This report provides information to Members on Birmingham Museums Trust and will assist in the exchanges and discussion on the presentation within the private agenda.

5 Consultation

- 5.1 The Chair of the Committee has been consulted on the attendance of BMT.

6 Risk Management

- 6.1 This report provides an outline of the company and background for discussion of company performance with the company representatives.

7 Compliance Issues:

- 7.1 **How are the recommended decisions consistent with the City Council's priorities, plans and strategies?**

The Council provides services to community through a number of different vehicles. This report provides information on BMT, a major provider of cultural services and events within the city.

The recommended decision supports the Birmingham City Council Plan 2018-2022, outcome 4: Birmingham is a great city to live in through priority 8, we will enhance our status as a city of culture, sports and events.

7.2 Legal Implications

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

There are no financial implications directly arising from this report but Members should consider any questions or considerations arising from this report for discussion during the private agenda.

7.4 Procurement Implications

There are no procurement implications directly arising from this report.

7.5 Human Resources Implications

There are no human resources implications directly arising from this report.

7.6 Public Sector Equality Duty

There are no equality duty or equality analysis issues relating to the proposals set out in this report.

8 Background Documents

none

Public Report

Birmingham City Council

Report to Cabinet Committee – Group
Company Governance17th November 2022

Subject: Paradise Circus Limited Partnership, PCLP - Company Pen Portrait

Report of: Alison Jarrett, Director Group & Capital Finance

Relevant Cabinet Member: Councillor Brigid Jones

Relevant O &S Chair(s): Councillor Akhlaq Ahmed

Report author: Alison Jarrett

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1 Executive Summary

Paradise Circus Limited Partnership (PCLP) is to present to Members on the private agenda. This report provides Members with a pen portrait of the company.

2 Recommendations

2.1 Members are asked to note the information provided

3 Background

- 3.1 Before the commencement of the redevelopment project in 2015, the Paradise Circus site was a significantly blighted area. Paradise Circus was a mixed use development with building stock primarily dating from the 1970s, and was generally perceived as dysfunctional for a variety of social and economic reasons including for having: low levels of investment and growth potential, poor accessibility and permeability throughout the site, a low quality public realm, and poor design and layout from a public safety perspective. The advancing plans for a new library since 2006, the establishment of the GBSLEP in 2010, and the subsequent publication of the Big City Plan and the GBSLEP Strategic Economic Plan, as well as the westward expansion plans for the Midland Metro, all provided impetus for the redevelopment of Paradise Circus to a quality of built environment appropriate to the aspirations for Birmingham and the West Midlands.
- 3.2 In April 2011, the GBSLEP chose Birmingham City Centre as the location for its Enterprise Zone, a decision informed in part by the vision and strategy set out in the Big City Plan – and with Paradise Circus as one of the key sites for which enabling infrastructure was identified as a priority.
- 3.3 The illustration below shows the 3 phases of the development.
- Phase 1, the development of 350,000 sq. ft. of Grade A office floorspace across two buildings – One and Two Chamberlain Square plus the delivery of the wider public realm to improve road and pedestrian routes surrounding Chamberlain Square.
 - Phase 2, the development of 410,000 sq. ft. for two office buildings, One Centenary Way and Three Chamberlain Square, as well as a ground level restaurant and retail offering. This phase also includes the delivery of a four star hotel offering with up to 250 bedrooms, which adds an additional 128,000 sq. ft of high quality hotel space to the area.
 - Phase 3, the development of four additional buildings and a pavilion, totalling approximately 614,000 sq.ft. of combined office and retail space, as well as c300 PRS (private rented sector) units.

have to date successfully brought the project to fruition. MECP is part of the Hermes group.

- 3.6 The structure of Paradise Circus Limited Partnership (PCLP) is a 50/50 joint venture set up between BCC and Britel Fund Trustees Limited (custodian of BTPS) to deliver the project. The objective of PCLP is to provide a vehicle through which the public infrastructure and site preparation works are carried out, which will both improve the highway infrastructure and the public realm for the benefit of the city and will prepare the three phases of the site for the re-development phases.

- 3.5 Key personnel and board members within PCLP Group are:

Guy Olivant – Major Developments Lead, Development and Commercial Team

Kathryn James – Assistant Director, Property Services

Christopher Darrach and Vijyanti Gorasia – Hermes

4 Options considered and Recommended Proposal

- 4.1 This report provides information to Members on PCLP and will assist in the exchanges and discussion on the presentation within the private agenda.

5 Consultation

- 5.1 The Chair of the Committee has been consulted on the attendance of PCLP.

6 Risk Management

- 6.1 This report provides an outline of the company and background for discussion of company performance with the company representatives.

7 Compliance Issues:

- 7.1 **How are the recommended decisions consistent with the City Council's priorities, plans and strategies?**

The recommended decision supports the Birmingham City Council Plan 2018-2022, contributing to the priority of Birmingham being an entrepreneurial city to learn, work and invest in.

7.2 Legal Implications

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

There are no financial implications directly arising from this report but Members should consider any questions or considerations arising from this report for discussion during the private agenda.

7.4 Procurement Implications

There are no procurement implications directly arising from this report.

7.5 Human Resources Implications

There are no human resources implications directly arising from this report.

7.6 Public Sector Equality Duty

There are no equality duty or equality analysis issues relating to the proposals set out in this report.

8 Background Documents

None

