

Public Report

Birmingham City Council

Report to Cabinet Committee – Group Company Governance

14 January 2021



Subject: Company Update
Report of: Rebecca Hellard, Interim Chief Finance Officer
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 within the report and at private appendix 1 which contains commercially confidential details concerning 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 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. BIRMINGHAM CHARITIES LIMITED (10392574) - 10-Dec-20 - Termination of appointment of John Alexander Barr as a director on 10 December 2020
2. BIRMINGHAM CITY PROPCO LIMITED (10989837) - 10-Dec-20 - Termination of appointment of John Alexander Barr as a director on 10 December 2020
3. BIRMINGHAM CITY PROPCO LIMITED (10989837) - 10-Dec-20 - Appointment of Mr Simon Obadiah Delahunty-Forrest as a director on 10 December 2020
4. BIRMINGHAM WHEELS (ENTERPRISES) LIMITED (01900151) - 30-Dec-20 - Compulsory strike-off action has been discontinued

3.3 Annual accounts have been submitted for the following companies:

Company		unqualified audit (where applicable)
BIRMINGHAM SCHOOLS SPC PHASE 1B LIMITED (07598247)	Full accounts made up to 31 December 2019	Y
BRIDGE STREET MANAGEMENT LIMITED (02286322)	Total exemption full accounts made up to 31 December 2019	n/a – Companies Act exemption
ST. PAUL'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST (01429707)	Accounts for a small company made up to 31 March 2020	Y
BIRMINGHAM SCHOOLS SPC HOLDINGS PHASE 1A LTD (06915570)	Group of companies' accounts made up to 31 December 2019	Y
BIRMINGHAM SCHOOLS SPC PHASE 1A LIMITED (06915837)	Full accounts made up to 31 December 2019	Y
BIRMINGHAM SCHOOLS SPC HOLDINGS PHASE 1B LIMITED (07597941)	Group of companies' accounts made up to 31 December 2019	Y
THE GREATER BIRMINGHAM AND SOLIHULL LOCAL ENTERPRISE	Full accounts made up to 31 March 2020	Y

PARTNERSHIP LIMITED (07635395)		
BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT (FINANCE) PLC (04061664)	Interim accounts made up to 30 September 2019	No audit requirement – performance report
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BIRMINGHAM ASIAN RESOURCE CENTRE (04351686)	Total exemption full accounts made up to 31 March 2020	Exempt – independent review carried out and clear
CREATIVE ADVANTAGE WEST MIDLANDS LIMITED (03914725)	Total exemption full accounts made up to 31 March 2020	Small companies exemption
BIRMINGHAM VENTURE CAPITAL LIMITED (01977205)	Total exemption full accounts made up to 31 March 2020	Small companies exemption
ICKNIELD PORT LOOP LLP (OC397591)	Accounts for a small company made up to 31 December 2019	Y
BIRMINGHAM LEP COMPANY LIMITED (06915791)	Full accounts made up to 30 December 2019	Y
BIRMINGHAM SETTLEMENT (THE) (01946604)	Group of companies' accounts made up to 31 March 2020	Y

3.4 Covid-19

A review of the material group company interests of the council is an ongoing process to understand the impact of Covid-19 on their business plans and performance. This review was first undertaken over the initial weeks of lockdown and is refreshed as further information becomes available both nationally, within the industry categories and within each organisation. This review will continue to be updated and a snapshot reported to each meeting of the Group Company Governance Committee. Where an interest of the council is or may become materially impacted then that company will be invited to attend Group Company Governance Committee. 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.

The detailed review contains commercially sensitive information that may impact on performance were it to be made public. A private appendix is presented on the private agenda.

The national full lockdown from January 6th is not yet reflected in the updates from the companies due to both the timing of the announcement and the need for the group companies to assess the impact. Updates will be given at the next committee meeting.

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