

Overview & Scrutiny Management Board

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Report of: Director: Legal and Democratic Services

Title: Bristol Holding Group Business Plans 21/22

Ward: All wards

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Recommendation

That the Committee review and provide comments on the Bristol Holding Group Business Plans 21/22 and the related Cabinet Report that will be considered by Cabinet on 26 January 2021.

The significant issues in the report are:

Please see the recommendations and related advice in the Cabinet Report.



1. Summary

This report refers to the Cabinet Report that will be considered by Cabinet on 26 January 2021, seeking approval of the Bristol Holding Group Business Plans for 2021/2022 (Appendix A). Appendix A will be available to OSMB members when the Cabinet Reports for January 2021 are published.

2. Context

- A. The council is the sole shareholder of Bristol Holding Limited (company number: 09485669), which in turn is the sole shareholder of a number of companies, including Bristol Waste Company Limited (company number: 09472624) and Goram Homes Limited (company number: 11597204) (the **Bristol Holding Group**). Business Plans are submitted for approval in this Cabinet Report for each of these companies.
- B. Shareholding is an executive function. The shareholder role in respect of the Bristol Holding Group has been delegated to the Deputy Mayor: Finance, Governance and Performance, Management of the Housing Revenue Account Budget. The Deputy Mayor has reviewed the Business Plans for the Bristol Holding Group and has been advised in relation to them by the Shareholder Group. The Business Plans are now being recommended for approval by Cabinet, having first been considered by OSMB.
- C. The 19/20 Annual Report and Financial Statements of each of the companies are available on Companies House,¹ with the exception of Bristol Holding Limited. The 19/20 Annual Report and Financial Statements for Bristol Holding Limited were sent to Companies House for filing in December 2020, but have not yet been processed by Companies House. The Annual Report and Financial Statements for Bristol Holding Limited are instead included as an appendix to this report (Appendix B).

3. Policy

Please see 'Corporate Strategy alignment' section in the Cabinet Report.

4. Consultation

Please see 'Consultation Details' section in the Cabinet Report.

5. Public Sector Equality Duties

- 5a) Before making a decision, section 149 Equality Act 2010 requires that each decision-maker considers the need to promote equality for persons with the following "protected characteristics": age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation. Each decision-maker must, therefore, have due regard to the need to:
- i) Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Equality Act 2010.
 - ii) Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it. This involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to --
 - remove or minimise disadvantage suffered by persons who share a relevant protected

¹ The 19/20 Annual Report and Financial Statements are available at Companies House at the following web-links: [BE 2020 Limited](#), [Bristol Waste Company Limited](#), [Goram Homes Limited](#)

characteristic;

- take steps to meet the needs of persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of people who do not share it (in relation to disabled people, this includes, in particular, steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities);
- encourage persons who share a protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

- iii) Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it. This involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to –
- tackle prejudice; and
 - promote understanding.

5b) A Relevance Check is included as part of the Cabinet Report (see Appendix E). No significant equalities impacts have been identified from approving the Bristol Holding Group Business Plans for 2021/2022.

Appendices:

- Appendix A - Cabinet Report: Bristol Holding Group Business Plans (and its appendices, as listed in the Cabinet Cover Report)
- Appendix B - Annual Report and Financial Statements of Bristol Holding Limited for 2019/2020

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

Background Papers:

Please see 'Background Documents' section in Cabinet Report.