

# Overview & Scrutiny Management Board

5 March 2021



**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 Goram Homes Business Plan 21/22 and the related Cabinet Report that will be considered by Cabinet on 9 March 2021.

## The significant issues in the report are:

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



## 1. Summary

2. This report refers to the Cabinet Report that will be considered by Cabinet on 9 March 2021, seeking approval of the Bristol Holding Group Business Plans for 2021/2022 (Appendix A). Appendix A to this report will be available to OSMB members when the Cabinet Reports for March 2021 are published. Members are asked to review and provide comments on the Goram Homes Business Plan 21/22 in particular.
3. The Cabinet Report on the Bristol Holding Group Business Plans was originally scheduled to come to Cabinet in January 2021, and was reviewed by OSMB at that stage. However, due to an update to Goram Homes' Business Plan, and taking into account the recommendation from the Grant Thornton Value for Money Report that business plans should be based on timely information, the decision was taken to defer the business plans to enable the Cabinet to make a well-informed decision.
4. The only substantive changes to the Cabinet Report since January 2021, when it was last reviewed by OSMB, are set out below and are generally in respect of Goram Homes. The appendix references below are to the appendices of the Cabinet Report.
  - **Cabinet Report:** updated to reflect the deferral from January and to update specialist comments were necessary
  - **Appendix A1b** (formally part of Appendix A1): new Bristol Holding commentary on the revised Goram Homes Business Plan
  - **Appendix A6:** revised Goram Homes Business Plan
  - **Appendix G:** the finance commentary in relation to the Goram Business Plan has been substantially revised
  - **(Exempt) Appendix I1:** one additional page has been included to show the impact on BWC's financial position if the cleaning and security contract were to be awarded.
  - **(Exempt) Appendix I4:** new exempt section of Goram Business Plan.
  - **(Exempt) Appendix I5:** new exempt finance commentary in relation to the Goram Business Plan.

## 5. 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 the 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.

## 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 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)

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985**

**Background Papers:**

Please see ‘Background Documents’ section in Cabinet Report.