



**Rushcliffe**  
Borough Council

## **Governance Scrutiny Group**

**Thursday, 15 September 2022**

Streetwise Annual Report

### **Report of the Chief Executive Officer**

#### **1. Purpose of report**

- 1.1. This report is to present the annual report of Streetwise Environmental Ltd and Streetwise Environmental Trading Ltd, wholly owned companies of Rushcliffe Enterprises Ltd (Rushcliffe Borough Council). The report will be considered by Cabinet on 11 October.
- 1.2. Streetwise provide the grounds maintenance and street cleansing services for the Borough Council as well as for other clients in Rushcliffe and the surrounding area.
- 1.3. The annual report of the companies is presented to both Governance Scrutiny and Cabinet detailing the performance for the previous year.
- 1.4. The Streetwise service will be brought back in-house on 1 September 2022 to accord with the Cabinet report of 8 February 2022.

#### **2. Recommendation**

It is RECOMMENDED that Governance Scrutiny Group receives the annual report from the Council's Chief Executive and makes any comments for Cabinet.

#### **3. Reasons for recommendation**

It is good practice that the running of any Council company is subject to scrutiny and this accords with the Council's Constitution.

#### **4. Supporting information**

- 4.1. The annual report and statutory accounts are attached. The accounts have been signed-off by the previous Directors who resigned as at 31 May 2022. The new Directors appointed in succession to the previous directors are Kath Marriott (Chairman of the Company) and RBC as a Corporate Director (nominally Peter Linfield as the representative), and they will remain Directors until such time as the companies are dissolved.
- 4.2. It is suggested that Governance Scrutiny Group consider the companies' performance based on:

- Governance arrangements
- External accreditations
- Environmental credentials
- Ability to win contracts
- Ability to deliver against contracts awarded
- Financial standing
- Key financial performance indicators

Appendix C gives commentary on these areas.

4.3 It should be noted that the Council has an in-house officer team that monitors day to day performance of the service provided to Rushcliffe Borough Council and so Governance Scrutiny Group is asked to provide a more strategic scrutiny.

## **5. Risks and uncertainties**

This is a backward-looking review to consider the financial year 2021/22. This was another challenging year given Covid and, once again, this also impacted operational delivery. The Streetwise function will be brought back in-house on 1 September 2022 which will provide opportunities to provide better value for money for the taxpayer. The risks and uncertainties of this were addressed when the decision to bring the service back in house was considered and are not a matter for this report.

## **6. Implications**

### **6.1. Financial implications**

6.1.1. The Streetwise prime contract annual sum is £1.77m.

6.1.2. The Streetwise function will be brought back in-house 1 September 2022 as reported to Cabinet on 8 February 2022.

6.1.3. Governance Scrutiny Group should satisfy themselves that the accounts for the 2021/22 year are financially sound.

### **6.2. Legal implications**

There are no direct implications arising from this report. Streetwise Environmental Ltd and Streetwise Environmental Trading Ltd are wholly owned subsidiaries of Rushcliffe Enterprises Ltd, which in turn is a wholly owned subsidiary of Rushcliffe Borough Council.

### **6.3. Equalities implications**

There are no equalities implications arising from this report.

#### 6.4. Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 Implications

There are no S17 implications arising from this report.

#### 7. Link to Corporate Priorities

Quality of Life	Streetwise provide grounds maintenance and street cleansing services for RBC and therefore are directly involved with ensuring the borough looks good and that the quality of life for residents is maintained.
Efficient Services	The contract should be operated efficiently to ensure maximum benefit for residents.
Sustainable Growth	The Companies continue to deliver an excellent service in an area of high growth and this continues once insourcing occurs.
The Environment	Streetwise should be following sound environmental practices to ensure that their services enhance the environment and biodiversity wherever possible.

#### 8. Recommendations

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<b>Background papers available for Inspection:</b>	Cabinet Report, 8 February 2022 - Future Delivery Model for Grounds Maintenance and Street Cleansing Services
<b>List of appendices:</b>	Streetwise Annual Report and Appendices Appendix A – SEL – Final Statutory Accounts for YE 31/03/2022 Appendix B – SETL – Final Statutory Accounts for YE 31/03/2022 Appendix C – Commentary on Company Performance from the Company Secretary and the Contracts Management Team