



Governance Scrutiny Group

Thursday, 25 November 2021

Streetwise Annual Report

Report of the Chief Executive

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1. This report is to present the annual report of Streetwise Enterprises Ltd and Streetwise Enterprises Trading Ltd, wholly owned companies of Rushcliffe Borough Council.
- 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. Following a review of the governance of Streetwise Environmental Limited and Streetwise Enterprises Trading Ltd, it was agreed that an annual report of the companies should be presented to Governance Scrutiny and then Cabinet each year.

2. Recommendation

It is RECOMMENDED that Governance Scrutiny Group:

- a) Receives the annual report from the Managing Director.
- b) Considers the report and asks questions of the Managing Director to satisfy themselves that the companies continue to be well run and financially sound.
- c) Refers any comments to Cabinet to be considered at the Cabinet meeting in December.

3. Reasons for recommendation

It was agreed by Cabinet in January 2021 to simplify the reporting procedures for Streetwise and to make them more transparent. The previous holding company Rushcliffe Enterprises Ltd has been made dormant and the companies will now report to an oversight board made up of three Cabinet members and three officers on an (at least) biennial basis. In addition, the annual report will be submitted to Governance Scrutiny Group for comment before being passed on the Cabinet.

4. Supporting information

4.1. The annual report is attached and Mr Nigel Carter, Managing Director will attend to present to the scrutiny group and take questions.

4.2. It is suggested that scrutiny consider the companies' performance based on:

- Key performance indicators
- Ability to win contracts
- Ability to deliver against contracts awarded
- Financial standing
- Environmental credentials
- Appropriate governance measures being in place
- Response to Covid

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 more strategic scrutiny.

5. Risks and uncertainties

This is a backward-looking review to consider the financial year 2020/21. Governance Scrutiny Group may wish to provide feedback via Cabinet to the Streetwise Oversight Board around any risks that they consider should be highlighted in 2021/22.

6. Implications

6.1. Financial implications

6.1.1. Streetwise have been awarded the Council's grounds maintenance and street cleansing contract to Summer 2022 when it will be up for renewal.

6.1.2. The prime contract sum is £1.77m

6.1.3. Governance Scrutiny Group should satisfy themselves that the company is financially sound.

6.2. Legal implications

Streetwise Enterprise Ltd and Streetwise Enterprise Trading Ltd are wholly owned companies 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 Environment	Streetwise should be following sound environmental practices to ensure that their services enhance the environment and biodiversity wherever possible.

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Background papers available for Inspection:	None
List of appendices:	Streetwise Annual Report and Appendices