



**Cabinet**

**Tuesday, 14 December 2021**

**Streetwise Annual Report**

## **Report of the Chief Executive**

### **Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Strategic and Borough-wide Leadership, Councillor S J Robinson**

#### **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 the Governance Scrutiny Group and then Cabinet each year. The report has been considered by Governance Scrutiny Group at its meeting on 25 November where the Group also received a presentation by the Managing Director of Streetwise.

#### **2. Recommendation**

It is RECOMMENDED that Cabinet accepts the Streetwise Annual report 2020-21 and considers the comments made by the Governance Scrutiny Group.

#### **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) biannual basis. In addition, the annual report will be submitted to the Governance Scrutiny Group for comment before being passed on the Cabinet.

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

- 4.1. The annual report is attached. Mr Nigel Carter, Managing Director attended Governance Scrutiny Group on 25 November to present to the scrutiny group

and take questions. Councillors questioned Mr Carter on the report and covered the following issues:

- 4.1.1. How Streetwise will reduce its carbon footprint.
  - 4.1.2. What the level of social value being delivered by the company is, as it was set up as a social enterprise.
  - 4.1.3. The future recruitment to the Board (following the death of Mr Mitchell, there are only two directors).
  - 4.1.4. The quality of service provided across the Borough.
  - 4.1.5. The ability to secure work following the loss of the Metropolitan Housing contract.
- 4.2. Governance Scrutiny Group agreed that the company continues to be well run and did not raise any serious concerns around its governance (with the exception of the Board membership – too few directors) or its status as a going concern.

## **5. Risks and uncertainties**

This is a backward-looking review to consider the financial year 2020/21. Governance Scrutiny Group highlighted the need to recruit to the vacant director post.

## **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 satisfied 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 and operate pursuant to the governance arrangements as approved by their articles. The Council is the sole shareholder of the company. The Council's oversight of the company is set out within the body of the report.

### **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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<b>Background papers available for Inspection:</b>	None
<b>List of appendices:</b>	Streetwise Annual Report and Appendices