

Birmingham City Council

Council Business Management Committee

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Subject: Overseas Travel and Inward Delegations from Abroad
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1 Executive Summary

- 1.1 To provide details, for information, of Member and Officer overseas travel undertaken between 1st April 2023 – 30th June 2023.
- 1.2 To provide details, for information, of known proposed Member and Officer overseas travel forthcoming commitments for the next monitoring period 1st July – 30th September 2023.
- 1.3 To provide details, for information, of inward delegations from abroad for the period 1st April 2023 to 30th June 2023.

2 Recommendation

- 2.1 To note approved Member and officer overseas travel.
- 2.2 To note the proposed upcoming forward travel proposals.
- 2.3 To note the details of inward delegations from abroad.
- 2.4 To note that with effect from 19 January 2016 authority for foreign travel by City Council

- 2.5 Members and officers will only be granted when 4 weeks' notice has been given. Visits proposed with less than 4 weeks' notice will be refused unless under EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES which will require written documentation and an extremely robust reason to travel.
- 2.6 To note that additional requirements to complete a COVID risk assessment prior to travel has to be conducted as part of the Authorisation to Travel process.

3 Background

OVERSEAS TRAVEL

- 3.1 The Council Business Management Committee has responsibility for the oversight of arrangements for foreign travel undertaken by Members and officers of the City Council. Under the new administration the authorisation of foreign travel has been delegated to Strategic Directors and the Chief Executive or nominee.
- 3.2 At the request of Members, quarterly reports on foreign travel undertaken are reported to this Committee.
- 3.3 In line with established practice the attached schedule of visits are grouped to reflect the main activity areas identified within the Council's current international activities. With particular relevance to the City Council's priorities as detailed in the Council Plan. Those activities include:
- Civic related visits – Visits undertaken by the Lord Mayor.
 - Networks/Policy – The various European and international agencies on which we have representation or where we seek to further Birmingham's interests e.g. Eurocities and the Commonwealth Local Government Forum.
 - Sister/Partner Cities – This refers to our ongoing work with Chicago, Frankfurt, Guangzhou, Johannesburg, Leipzig, Lyon and Milan.
 - Funding, Specific Projects/Professional – Where Birmingham participates in collaborative, practical or funding initiatives with benefits to Birmingham, or where joint work is undertaken through professional bodies.
- 3.4 In the interest of minimising the costs of foreign travel undertaken by Members and officers' requests must be submitted at least 4 weeks before the intended date of travel.
- 3.5 This will enable the purchase of flights and accommodation at the most economical cost.

TRAVEL UNDERTAKEN

- 3.6 The attached Appendix A is a summary of approved overseas travel comprising of 2 visits undertaken by Members and 12 visits by officers at a maximum cost of £4,309.85.

PROPOSED FORTHCOMING TRAVEL

- 3.7 The attached Appendix B provides an indicative schedule of known forthcoming travel proposals providing CBM with an early insight for information. It should be noted that this schedule is not an approved travel schedule. Each proposal will follow the normal approval process.

INWARD DELEGATIONS FROM ABROAD

- 3.8 As part of the City Council's broader engagement with the international community consideration has been given to how the Council can improve the effectiveness of delegations to Birmingham from abroad. Consequently, a registry of such visits was established in January 2008.
- 3.9 Subsequently the Council Business Management Committee requested, in December 2008, that regular reports be submitted with details of delegations visiting Birmingham from abroad. Attached is a summary of inward visits for 1st April 2023 – 30th June 2023 as Appendix C.

**SCHEDULE OF VISITS FOR CBM 29 August 2023 (Period Apr-Jun 2023)
APPENDIX A**

CIVIC RELATED VISITS

DEPARTMENT /REPRESENTATION	DESTINATION	DURATION	PURPOSE OF VISIT / PRACTICAL OUTCOMES	TOTAL COST	BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL CORPORATE PLAN PRIORITIES 2022-2026
Councillor Maureen Cornish Finance & Governance Lord Mayor Lord Mayor's Consort Malcolm Cornish Lord Mayor's Office - 1 Officer	Limerick, Ireland	18-19 May 2023	<p>Civic visit</p> <p>Purpose of Visit: There are significant historical ties between Birmingham and Limerick.</p> <p>In February this year, the Mayor of Limerick visited Birmingham to engage with the Birmingham Limerick Association and with the City Council and extended an invitation to the Lord Mayor of Birmingham to undertake a reciprocal visit.</p> <p>There are several reasons why Birmingham could benefit from developing a relationship with the West of Ireland:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic ties • Cultural exchange • Tourism • Education <p>Practical Outcomes: The civic visit pulled together the various actions/initiatives already underway and will help to build on existing relationships and create a stronger, more interconnected relationship between the two regions. In particular, the following actions have taken place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connecting Film in Limerick with Film Birmingham • Further collaboration between University of Birmingham and University of Limerick on research 	<p>£1,059.45</p> <p>Flights: £396.64</p> <p>Subsistence: £126.81</p> <p>Accommodation: £536.00</p> <p>Authorised by Janie Berry Councillor Ian Ward and Lloyd Broad</p>	<p>Employment, skills, and local economy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support inclusive economic growth • Attract inward investment and infrastructure • Maximise the benefits of the Commonwealth Games <p>Opportunities for children and young people</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote and champion diversity, civic pride and culture • Support and enable all children and young people to thrive <p>Community resilience, cohesion and living standards.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve living environments, civic pride and culture

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			<p>projects and student exchanges, and joint academic programs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connecting organising committees for St Patrick's Day Parades in Birmingham and Limerick 		

NETWORK RELATED VISITS

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European and International Affairs, Places, Prosperity & Sustainability Directorate - 1 Officer Councillor Saima Suleman	Brussels, Belgium	12-15 June 2023	<p>To attend the Brussels Urban Summit and Eurocities Annual Conference and General Assembly.</p> <p>Practical Outcomes: For the first time the Eurocities Annual Conference was aligned with a wider Urban Summit which was co-delivered by Brussels Capital Region, Eurocities, OECD and Metropolis. This 4 day event encompassed a comprehensive programme of plenary sessions, workshops, visits, Political sessions and other satellite meetings arranged with key stakeholders. The visit include;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3x plenary sessions on climate change, urban inequality and migration & diversity Political session on Urban Diplomacy externally moderated U7 - UK Core Cities meeting with the other 3 key European city networks (France, Germany and Italy) to prepare for the next G7/U7 summit Brussels Capital Region political event at the invitation of Pascal Smet, Secretary of State Eurocities gala and awards ceremony Eurocities General Assembly 	<p>£1,709.20</p> <p>Eurostar: £466.00 Subsistence: £175.10 Accommodation: £1,068.10</p> <p>Authorised by Ian MacLeod, Councillor Ian Ward and Mark Reed</p>	Eurocities activities overseas all network related activities and therefore cuts across all BCC Corporate Plan Priorities 2022-2026.

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			<p>7. Meeting with UK Government representation in Brussels (with UK Core Cities – not attended by BCC due to travel arrangements)</p> <p>BCC Officer and Member participation maintained the City's visibility and influence in high-level discussions and initiatives for which we are still active.</p>		

PARTNER CITIES RELATED VISITS

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<p>Public Health Division Strategy, Equality and Partnerships Directorate – 2 Officers</p> <p>Adults Social Care, Social Health Directorate – 1 Officer</p>	<p>Leipzig, Germany</p>	<p>21-24 May 2023 – 2 Officers</p> <p>21-23 May 2023 – 1 Officer</p>	<p>Partner Cities visit Birmingham-Leipzig funding through the Urban Diplomacy Exchange.</p> <p>The diplomacy exchange focussed on public health and adult social care – learning and sharing and relationship building.</p> <p>Practical Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birmingham has a strong approach to evidence-based practice and focus on measuring the impact of our work. We will hold 3 lunch & learn-sessions each year to share best practice (1x BCC, 2x Leipzig) (<i>Corporate Plan Ambition - A Bold Healthy Birmingham Priority 16 – improve outcomes for adults with disabilities and older people</i>) • Reinforced need to for effective coordination of work across public health/social care directorates to improve outcomes for older people/senior citizens in both cities. (<i>Corporate Plan Ambition - A Bold Healthy Birmingham Priority 16 – improve outcomes for adults with disabilities and older people</i>) • Both cities have a strong focus on neighbourhood community outreach and self-help. Both support local community centres/information directories. Need to strengthen these partnerships in the future to share best practice. (<i>Corporate Plan Ambition A Bold Inclusive Birmingham – empower citizens and enable citizen voice</i>) • Explore Leipzig’s action to commemorate the deceased without relatives across the city as part of the Birmingham Compassionate Cities initiative. (<i>Corporate Plan Ambition - A Bold Healthy Birmingham Priority 16 – improve</i> 	<p>Flights and accommodation costs for 2 Officers fully covered by Urban Diplomacy Exchange Programme (UDE)</p> <p>£1,110.14</p> <p>Flights: £567.51 Subsistence: £301.69 Accommodation: £240.94</p> <p>Authorised by Justin Varney and Lloyd Broad</p>	<p>Opportunities for children and young people</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tackle poverty and inequalities • Support and enable all children and young people to thrive <p>Community resilience, cohesion and living standards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect and safeguard vulnerable citizens <p>Health and Wellbeing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tackle health inequalities • Encourage and enable physical activity and healthy living • Champion Mental Health • Improve outcomes for adults with disabilities and older people

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			<p><i>outcomes for adults with disabilities and older people)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan to develop Partnerships between allotment associations across in Birmingham and Leipzig (<i>Corporate Plan Ambition - A Bold Healthy Birmingham Priority 14 encourage and enable physical activity and healthy living</i>) <p>Plans to develop a school partnership with secondary schools: grammar school in Leipzig “Gymnasium an der Prager Spitze” and a grammar school in Birmingham (<i>Corporate Plan Ambition A Bold Inclusive Birmingham – promote and champion pride, civic pride and culture</i>)</p>		
European and International Affairs, Places, Prosperity & Sustainability Directorate - 1 Officer	Paris and Lyon, France	26-28 June 2023	<p>Partner city relationship related visit fully funded by British Embassy.</p> <p>Visit to Paris British Embassy and the British Council and visit to Lyon (partner city) to progress action plan to reanimate Bham/Lyon relationship post Brexit.</p> <p>Practical Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding identified for culture linkages (British Council). Schools recruited for Young Women Into Leadership Summit Visit planned for invite from Lyon to Cabinet Member for Housing for the Nuit de la Solidarite (April 24) EUROPOD – Rugby project progressed (autumn 23) Details of Lyon exhibition in Birmingham for the Eurocities Culture Forum finalised. 	<p>Visit fully funded by British Embassy, Paris, France</p> <p>Authorised by Ian MacLeod and Lloyd Broad</p>	<p>Employment, skills and local economy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support inclusive economic growth Attract inward investment and infrastructure <p>Opportunities for children and young people</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support and enable all children and young people to thrive <p>Health and Wellbeing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tackle health inequalities <p>Climate Emergency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue on the Route to Net Zero

PROFESSIONAL, FUNDING AND SPECIFIC PROJECTS RELATED VISITS

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<p>European and International Affairs, Inclusive Growth Directorate & Public Health, Partnerships, Insight and Prevention Directorate – 1 Officer seconded from the Harborne Food School in the role of Cross Cutting Theme Manager for Nutrition in the Food Trails project.</p>	<p>Groningen, The Netherlands</p>	<p>3-5 April 2023</p>	<p>EU Funding Project: Food Trails Project Visit (Note: Overseas meetings are conditional requirements of the Grant)</p> <p>Practical Outcomes:</p> <p>Include.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Banning advertising of meat following the lead of Haarlem. • Nature and sustainability education this includes teaching children about the energy involved in producing and converting animal versus plant-based dietary sources into protein. • Promoting seasonal consumption and the city aims to engage the hospitality sector and businesses to support this. • Engaging art students to promote understanding of the protein transition across a variety of mediums. • Workplace wellbeing initiatives to raise awareness of the health benefits of a plant-based diet amongst officers and elected officials. • Engaging farmers who are participating in the regional innovation programme. ‘Fascinating’ - Food Agro Sustainable Circular Nature Technology in Groningen. • Stakeholder consultation <p>Nutrition Recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Produce information sheets and briefing papers explaining what the food and protein transition is to ensure that internal stakeholders are aware of the process. 	<p>ALL COSTS MET BY EUROPEAN FUNDING</p> <p>Authorised by Justin Varney and Lloyd Broad</p>	<p>Employment, skills and local economy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support inclusive economic growth • Tackle unemployment • Attract inward investment and infrastructure <p>Opportunities for children and young people</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tackle poverty and inequalities • Empower citizens and enable the citizen voice • Promote and champion diversity, civic pride and culture • Support and enable all children and young people to thrive <p>Community resilience, cohesion and living standards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make the city safer • Protect and safeguard vulnerable citizens <p>Health and Wellbeing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tackle Health Inequalities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage and enable physical activity and healthy living • Champion Mental Health <p>Climate Emergency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be a City of nature

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			Highlight the nutrition benefits of plant-based diets during community and stakeholder activities		
Public Health Division, Strategy, Equalities and Partnerships Directorate – 1 Officer	Copenhagen, Denmark	17-20 April 2023	<p>European Training Event on Smart Innovation for Small-Scale Producers Accessing Markets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The training event was a two-day programme which focused on how to open up tenders for small-scale producers through smart innovations. The training built upon the following themes bringing together experts, procurement officers, and small-scale farmers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theme 1: Procurement Law in Practice - SMEs and Smart Innovations Theme 2: Opportunities for SMES to bid on tenders Theme 3: Barriers for SMEs to bid on tenders Theme 4: Contract Management of SMEs <p>Birmingham was invited to participate in the event due to our existing involvement with Eurocities, Food Trails, and the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact (MUFPP) which are projects that enable knowledge exchange and learning between cities, and support food system transformation.</p> <p>Practical Outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The programme, organised by Copenhagen Municipality, had sessions and speakers from across the food supply chain including procurement lawyers, city food procurement leads, farmers, caterers, and researchers from CoCoreado and Coach projects that are focused on shortening supply chains. The insights shared showed what is possible in our city. The event gave us access to practical examples of what we can do, including policy briefing documents to help shape our approach including https://hub.urgenci.net/tag/policy-brief/ and examples of 	<p>No cost to the City Council</p> <p>Travel and accommodation paid for by Copenhagen team and funded through the COACH grant funded project and subsistence costs covered personally by officer attending event</p> <p>Authorised by Justin Varney and Lloyd Broad</p>	<p>Health and Wellbeing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tackle Health Inequalities Encourage and enable physical activity and healthy living

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			<p>food procurement approaches and tender documents from the City of Milan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This training event provided insights and learning that will help Birmingham tackle the Climate Emergency and our ambition of a Bold Green Birmingham and continue on our Route to Net Zero by influencing the implementation of the Birmingham Food System Strategy, and BCC's approach with food procurement to ensure it is healthier and more sustainable. This will also help us achieve our ambition of a Bold Healthy Birmingham by helping us tackle health inequalities and encourage and enable healthy eating. <p>The insights gathered influenced our approach with the Catering and Food Procurement Strategy for Cityserve/Civic Catering which was approved on 27th June 2023 Decision Details: Catering and Food Procurement Strategy for Cityserve/Civic Catering (cmis.uk.com)</p>		
Adult Social Care (commissioning) – 1 Officer	San-Francisco and San Jose, U.S.A	25-29 April 2023	<p>To attend the 2023 Welcoming Interactive Conference as part of a UK delegation of cities. Birmingham is an Inclusive Cities Network partner supported by the global exchange and COMPAS knowledge exchange initiative (Oxford University).</p> <p>Practical Outcomes:</p> <p>Shared Birmingham inclusive cities and city of Sanctuary approach and plan with conference delegation.</p> <p>Peer Learning from cities across USA and Australia on successful approaches to community empowerment, equality and diversity, to enabling citizen voice as well as long term strategic planning and policy for tackling migrant inequalities and a building a culture of civic pride.</p>	<p>£431.06 (tbc)</p> <p>Flights, accommodation and conference fees covered by Oxford University</p> <p>Subsistence: £431.06 (tbc)</p> <p>Authorised by Graeme Betts and Lloyd Broad</p>	<p>Opportunities for children and young people</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tackle poverty and inequalities Empower citizens and enable the citizen voice Promote and champion diversity, civic pride and culture Support and enable all children and young people to thrive <p>Community resilience, cohesion and living standards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tackle homelessness <p>Health and Wellbeing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tackle Health Inequalities

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			<p>Learning is Informing development of BCC city of Sanctuary strategy and inclusive cities plan for the future..</p> <p>Learning shared with Inclusive Cities network – meeting of 15-16th June 2023 hosted by Birmingham.</p>		
<p>European and International Affairs, Inclusive Growth Directorate & Public Health, Partnerships, Insight and Prevention Directorate – 1 Officer seconded from the Harborne Food School in the role of Cross Cutting Theme Manager for Nutrition in the Food Trails project.</p>	<p>Ghent, Brussels</p>	<p>25-28 April 2023</p>	<p>EU Funding Project: Food Trails Project Visit</p> <p>(Note: Overseas meetings are conditional requirements of the Grant)</p> <p>EUROCITIES WG Food Meeting - a Food Trails dissemination event (Food Trails is fully funded under the EU Horizon Programme)</p> <p>Practical Outcomes:</p> <p>The meeting took place alongside the Eurocities environment forum in Gent. The meeting was titled “Powering our cities: Industry and cities collaborate for the energy transition”.</p> <p>Lessons Learnt for Birmingham</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cities across the world are becoming more focused in their efforts to implement food policies and this includes setting targets to tackle GHG emissions These cities include New York, Copenhagen, Ghent, Groningen and Lyon • Signing climate pledges related to the food system (such as the cool food pledge) can help mobilise support from a range of stakeholders • Engaging businesses is key to supporting a food and protein transition and public sector procurement is a starting point. • Partner organisations can play a role in facilitating dialogue between citizens and supermarkets (e.g. Rikolto) 	<p>ALL COSTS MET BY EUROPEAN FUNDING</p> <p>Authorised by Justin Varney and Lloyd Broad</p>	<p>Employment, skills and local economy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support inclusive economic growth • Tackle unemployment • Attract inward investment and infrastructure <p>Opportunities for children and young people</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tackle poverty and inequalities • Empower citizens and enable the citizen voice • Promote and champion diversity, civic pride and culture • Support and enable all children and young people to thrive <p>Community resilience, cohesion and living standards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make the city safer • Protect and safeguard vulnerable citizens <p>Health and Wellbeing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tackle Health Inequalities • Encourage and enable physical activity and healthy living • Champion Mental Health

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engaging in international partnerships and networks like Eurocities can help highlight policy actions 		Climate Emergency <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be a City of nature
<p>European and International Affairs, Places, Prosperity & Sustainability Directorate – 1 Officer</p> <p>Public Health, Partnerships, Insight and Prevention Directorate – 1 Officer seconded from the Harborne Food School in the role of Cross Cutting Theme Manager for Nutrition in the Food Trails project.</p> <p>Public Health Division, Strategy, Equalities and Partnerships Directorate – 1 Officer</p>	Milan, Italy	7-10 May 2023	<p>EU Funding Project: Food Trails Project Visit</p> <p>(Note: Overseas meetings are conditional requirements of the Grant)</p> <p>The purpose of the meeting was to provide an introduction to start ups with innovative products that could be applicable to the pilots being funded through the Bham Food Living Lab. It also provided the opportunity to discuss the data requirements for the living lab projects and to gain some flexibility in the data collection points.</p> <p>Practical Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress reported in the Birmingham Food Living Lab (2 pilot projects – Farm to Fork and Food Waste Separation and Composting) Agreement reached on the data collection points for the Food Waste Separation pilot to enable collection of data to demonstrate behaviour change (or not) in the Bham Food Waste Separation Pilot Interviews with start ups offering solutions to food related issues Birmingham is working through in the living lab pilots. Follow up work will result from this. 	<p>ALL COSTS MET BY EUROPEAN FUNDING</p> <p>Authorised by Justin Varney, Ian MacLeod and Lloyd Broad</p>	<p>Employment, skills and local economy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support inclusive economic growth Tackle unemployment Attract inward investment and infrastructure <p>Opportunities for children and young people</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tackle poverty and inequalities Empower citizens and enable the citizen voice Promote and champion diversity, civic pride and culture Support and enable all children and young people to thrive <p>Health and Wellbeing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tackle Health Inequalities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage and enable physical activity and healthy living Champion Mental Health <p>Climate Emergency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be a City of nature

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Film Birmingham, Cultural Development, BID's & Tourism Service – 1 Officer	Cannes, France	19-23 May 2023	<p>Attend March Du Film 2023</p> <p>Attending as the Head of Film Birmingham on behalf of BCC. The purpose of the visit is to promote Birmingham & West Midlands as a destination for film & television production to an international market. The Marche Du Film is an event attended by major studios, broadcasters, senior executive, producers and directors from the industry and the biggest event in the annual calendar for the industry in Europe. This international trade mission to attract inward investment into the city, create jobs and raise the city's profile a top destination for film, also trail the new Studios and Creative Hub. Film Birmingham wants to build on these successes by engaging and attracting further major productions of the city.</p> <p>Practical Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New connections made with Film makers and Production Companies. • Attended educational workshops & sessions that looked at Diversity & Inclusion, Green Filming, Training Schemes, and new technology. • Meetings with film makers and production companies interested in bringing projects to Birmingham & West Midlands. 	<p>Visit fully funded by GBSLEP grant</p> <p>Authorised by Mark Wiltshire and Lloyd Broad</p>	<p>Employment, skills and local economy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support inclusive economic growth • Attract inward investment and infrastructure • Maximise the benefits of the Commonwealth Games <p>Opportunities for children and young people</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote and champion diversity, civic pride and culture
European and International Affairs, Inclusive Growth Directorate & Public Health, Partnerships, Insight and Prevention	Grenoble, France	24-27 May 2023	<p>EU Funding Project: Food Trails Project Visit</p> <p>(Note: Overseas meetings are conditional requirements of the Grant)</p> <p>Support the Grenoble team to integrate nutrition into their Food Trails pilot</p>	<p>ALL COSTS MET BY EUROPEAN FUNDING</p> <p>Authorised by Justin Varney and Lloyd Broad</p>	<p>Employment, skills and local economy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support inclusive economic growth • Tackle unemployment • Attract inward investment and infrastructure <p>Opportunities for children and young people</p>

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<p>Directorate – 1 Officer seconded from the Harborne Food School in the role of Cross Cutting Theme Manager for Nutrition in the Food Trails project.</p>			<p>Practical Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in a Cross Cutting Manager (CCM) workshop • Documented verbal updates from the Grenoble team to include in a year 2 CCM report • Visited one of the pilot sites and spoke to staff to understand current service provision and future aspirations – the site was an incubator dedicated to food businesses with circularity at the heart of their focus • Wrote a final report to be included in a complete set of year two visit reports to be published in October 2023 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tackle poverty and inequalities • Empower citizens and enable the citizen voice <p>Health and Wellbeing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tackle Health Inequalities • Encourage and enable physical activity and healthy living <p>Climate Emergency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve air quality
<p>Healthy Behaviours and Communities Sub-Division, Public Health Division, Strategy, Equalities and Partnerships Directorate – 1 Officer</p>	<p>Malmo, Sweden</p>	<p>29 May – 2 June 2023</p>	<p>EU Funding Project: Food Trails Project Visit</p> <p>(Note: Overseas meetings are conditional requirements of the Grant)</p> <p>To attend the Delice Network AGM and conference in Malmo, to learn about and be inspired by gastronomy work of 26 other cities across the world who represent best practice in this area, to share what Birmingham is doing in food systems work, to make international links and to make the most of Birmingham’s membership of the Delice network.</p> <p>Practical Outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This meeting provided the opportunity to present the Birmingham Food System Strategy and the Food Trails work to international partners, and gain expertise that would be beneficial to both of these projects. • The AGM provided the opportunity to be an active member of DELICE, building connections with other cities and making the most of learning opportunities. 	<p>ALL COSTS MET BY EUROPEAN FUNDING</p> <p>Authorised by Justin Varney and Lloyd Broad</p>	<p>Employment, skills and local economy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support inclusive economic growth • Tackle unemployment • Attract inward investment and infrastructure <p>Opportunities for children and young people</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tackle poverty and inequalities • Empower citizens and enable the citizen voice <p>Health and Wellbeing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tackle Health Inequalities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage and enable physical activity and healthy living <p>Climate Emergency</p>

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			The event enabled knowledge exchange between cities. The insights captured will influence practice and the implementation of the Birmingham Food System Strategy, helping us meet the corporate plan priorities around employment, skills and local economy, opportunities for children and young people, climate emergency and health and wellbeing.		• Improve air quality

Total Cost of visits = £4,309.85

No of visits by Members = 2

No of visits by Officers = 12

No of visits at No Cost to the City = 8

Total cost of visits undertaken between

Current financial year 2023/2024

Date	No of visits	Cost
1 April 2023 – 30 June 2023	12	£4,309.85
Totals	12	£4,309.85

Current financial year 2022/2023

Date	No of visits	Cost
1 April 2022 – 30 June 2022	10	£4,987.68
1 July 2022 – 30 September 2022	8	£3,628.38
1 October 2022 – 31 December 2022	12	£20,137.73
1 January 2023 – 31 March 2023	7	£7,805.61
Totals	37	£36,559.40

Visits summary 2021/2022

Date	No of visits	Cost
1 April 2021 – 30 June 2021	0	£0
1 July 2021 – 30 September 2021	0	£0
1 October 2021 – 31 December 2021	4	£1,934.11
1 January 2022 – 31 March 2022	6	£21,454.27
Totals	10	£23,388.38

Visits summary 2020/2021

Date	No of visits	Cost
1 April 2020 – 30 June 2020	0	£0
1 July 2020 – 30 September 2020	0	£0
1 October 2020 – 31 December 2020	0	£0
1 January 2021 – 31 March 2021	0	£0
Totals	0	£0

Visits summary 2019/2020

Date	No of visits	Cost
1 April 2019 – 30 June 2019	12	£ 8,736.64
1 July 2019 – 30 September 2019	6	£ 1,848.81
1 October 2019 – 31 December 2019	20	£19,145.00
1 January 2020 – 31 March 2020	10	£ 899.16
Totals	48	£30,629.61

Costings Info for the previous period, 2014-2019:**Visits summary 2018/2019**

Date	No of visits	Cost
1 April 2018 – 30 June 2018 (*figure includes £49,022.05 for Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games in Australia)	23	*£60,188.86
1 July 2018 – 30 September 2018	12	£13,879.46
1 October – 31 December 2018	13	£2,374.68
1 January 2019 – 31 March 2019	11	£2,356.58
Totals	59	£78,799.58

Visits summary 2017/2018

Date	No of visits	Cost
1 April 2017 – 30 June 2017	17	£13,788
1 July 2017 – 30 September 2017	8	£2,634
1 October – 31 December 2017	21	£7,026.18
1 January 2018 – 31 March 2018	17	£3,956.01
Totals	63	£27,404.19

Visits summary 2016/2017

Date	No of visits	Cost
1 April 2016 – 30 June 2016	25	£16,989

1 July – 30 September 2016	12	£5,133
1 October – 31 December 2016	36	£9,112
1 January 2017 – 31 March 2017	24	£14,839
Totals	97	£46,073

Visits summary 2015/2016

Date	No of visits	Cost
1 April 2015 to 30 June 2015	36	£8,648
1 July – 30 September 2015	32	£18,740
1 October – 31 December 2015	42	£15,910
1 January 2016 - 31 March 2016	25	£16,687
Totals	135	£59,985

Visits summary 2014/2015

Date	No of visits	Cost
1 April 2014 to 30 June 2014	28	£21,966
1 July – 30 September 2014	16	£7,833
1 October – 31 December 2014	39	£14,659
1 January 2015 to 31 March 2015	21	£9,540
Totals	104	£53,998

Dates (if known)	Department / Representation	Destination	Purpose of Visit	Type of Visit / Costings Info	Birmingham City Council Corporate Plan Priorities 2022-2026 (Proposed)
8-11 August 2023	Birmingham Youth Service Children and Families Directorate - 2 Officers accompanying 11 young people	Leipzig, Germany	Youth Exchange visit to Leipzig Germany for 11 young people with 2 accompanying BCC staff from Birmingham to establish a partnership where young people from both countries can share their learning, experiences, successes, and challenges around youth voice with a focus on public health. The focus of this work will be the young people and public health. The young people involved in this trip are Bolder Healthier Champions. The young people will work together to design a programme between the two countries which will leave a legacy for the visit. In addition, young people will benefit from a cultural experience. This visit was arranged at short notice due to the cancellation by the original host and supports Commonwealth Games Legacy activity. These young people were from disadvantaged/looked after backgrounds and a promise had been made to partake in a Youth Exchange visit.	£10,800 (estimated with costs covered by ring fenced funds)	Employment, skills and local economy •Support inclusive economic growth Opportunities for children and young people •Tackle poverty and inequalities •Empower citizens and enable the citizen voice •Promote and champion diversity, civic pride and culture •Support and enable all children and young people to thrive
Mid September 2023 (dates tbc)	City Operations (number of Officers tbc)	Dusseldorf, Germany	Invictus Games Opening Ceremony and Observer Programme •Games Opening Ceremony •Observer Programme	Costings tbc	Employment, skills and local economy • Support inclusive economic growth • Attract inward investment and infrastructure • Maximise the benefits of the Commonwealth Games Opportunities for children and young people • Promote and champion diversity, civic pride and culture
27-29 September 2023	Public Health, Partnerships, Insight and Prevention Directorate – 2 Officers Public Health, Partnerships, Insight and Prevention Directorate – 1 Officer seconded from the Healthy Futures in the role of Cross Cutting Theme Manager for Nutrition in the Food Trails project.	Bordeaux, France	Good food for all: Cities meet to exchange food justice approaches •The Eurocities Working Group Food and Milan Urban Food Policy Pact Regional Forum meeting - this feeds into the Horizon 2020 Food Trails Project and provides Birmingham with the opportunity to showcase it's work on the food justice toolkit and pledge. •The focus of the meeting will be How can cities foster food justice and ensure access to healthy, local and quality food for all? •The Cross Cutting Manager for Nutrition is participating in the visit as part of the Food Trails project •Eurocities WG Food is a lead partner in Food Trails.	EU FUNDED PROJECT - All expenses paid for by project	Employment, skills and local economy • Support inclusive economic growth • Tackle unemployment and skills • Attract inward investment and infrastructure Opportunities for children and young people • Tackle poverty and inequalities • Empower citizens and enable the citizen voice Health and Wellbeing • Tackle Health Inequalities • Encourage and enable physical activity and healthy living Climate Emergency • Improve air quality • Continue on the Route to Net Zero

