

CIVIC RELATED VISITS

DEPARTMENT /REPRESENTATION	DESTINATION	DURATION	PURPOSE OF VISIT / PRACTICAL OUTCOMES	TOTAL COST	BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL CORPORATE PLAN PRIORITIES 2022-2026
<p>Councillor Chaman Lal Finance &amp; Governance Lord Mayor Lady Mayoress, Vidya Wati Lord Mayor's Office - 1 Officer West Midlands Growth Company (WMGC) – 1 Officer</p>	<p>County Clare, Ireland</p>	<p>22-26 March 2023</p>	<p><b>Civic Visit to County Clare, Ireland</b></p> <p>The Mayor of Clare had extended an invitation to the Lord Mayor of Birmingham to undertake a visit to the County to explore where deeper connections can be built between the two regions on a variety of footprints from trade/investment to education and culture.</p> <p><b>Practical Outcomes:</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>The Lord Mayor visited a number of Irish businesses with links to Birmingham, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EI Electronics, whose UK subsidiary supplies smoke alarms and CO2 monitors to 95% of Council houses in Birmingham; and</li> <li>• JLR's R&amp;D campus in Shannon</li> </ul> <p>The Lord Mayor also attended the Shannon Chamber of Commerce annual lunch, where the keynote address was by Darragh O'Brien, TD, Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage.</p> <p>The visit also included discussion sessions with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shannon Airport Group re. the property portfolio</li> <li>• DigiClare on the Digital Hub Network in Clare</li> <li>• Clare Local Enterprise Office on building ecosystems and clusters in a region</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As a direct result of the visit, the Council is now working with WMGC and the Greater Birmingham Chambers of Commerce, in collaboration with Enterprise Ireland to arrange a Birmingham-Ireland business, trade &amp; investment event to take place in Birmingham later in 2024.</li> </ul>	<p>Total travel, accommodation and subsistence costs fully funded by County Clare, Ireland</p> <p>Authorised by Marie Rosenthal Councillor John Cotton and Lloyd Broad</p>	<p>Employment, skills and local economy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support inclusive economic growth</li> <li>• Tackle unemployment and skills</li> <li>• Attract inward investment and infrastructure</li> </ul>

**NETWORK RELATED VISITS – None**

**PARTNER CITIES RELATED VISITS - None**

**PROFESSIONAL, FUNDING AND SPECIFIC PROJECTS RELATED VISITS**

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<p>Partnerships, Insight and Prevention Directorate – 1 Officer seconded from the Healthy Futures Ltd in the role of Cross Cutting Theme Manager for Nutrition in the Food Trails project.</p>	<p>Funchal, Portugal</p>	<p>19-23 February 2024</p>	<p><b>EU Funding Project: H2020 Food Trails project Annual Partner Meeting</b></p> <p>Birmingham is one of 11 cities participating in the EU funded Horizon 2020 project <a href="https://eurocities.eu/projects/food-trails/">https://eurocities.eu/projects/food-trails/</a></p> <p>The purpose of the project is to share approaches across 11 cities to the development of sustainable food systems and city food policies. This visit had a focus on the city of Funchal and their approach to integration of nutrition into their Food Trails pilot.</p> <p>(Note: Overseas meetings are conditional requirements of the Grant)</p> <p><b>Practical Outcomes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participated in a Cross Cutting Manager (CCM) workshop</li> <li>• Documented verbal updates from the team to include in a year 4 CCM report</li> <li>• Visited one of the pilot sites and spoke to staff to understand current service provision and future aspirations</li> <li>• Learning has been captured to support Birmingham City Council's food policies with a particular focus on nutrition. The visit also supported additional learning around specific diets for young. Learning will help inform work undertaken by Public Health around the Beans and Pulses initiative. The Cross Cutting Theme Manager for Nutrition has supported all of the partner cities in developing their approach to more affordable, healthy and sustainable diets.</li> </ul>	<p><b>ALL COSTS INCLUDING STAFF COSTS MET BY EUROPEAN FUNDING</b></p> <p>Authorised by Justin Varney and Lloyd Broad</p>	<p>Employment, skills and local economy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support inclusive economic growth</li> <li>• Tackle unemployment and skills</li> <li>• Attract inward investment and infrastructure</li> </ul> <p>Opportunities for children and young people</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tackle poverty and inequalities</li> <li>• Empower citizens and enable the citizen voice</li> </ul> <p>Health and Wellbeing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tackle Health Inequalities</li> <li>• Encourage and enable physical activity and healthy living</li> </ul>

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<p>European and International Affairs, Places, Prosperity &amp; Sustainability Directorate - 1 Officer &amp; Public Health, Partnerships, Insight and Prevention Directorate – 1 Officer &amp; East Birmingham Programme, Places, Prosperity &amp; Sustainability Directorate - 1 Officer Public Health, Partnerships, Insight and Prevention Directorate – 1 Officer seconded from the Healthy Futures Ltd in the role of Cross Cutting Theme Manager for Nutrition in the Food Trails project.</p>	<p>Warsaw, Poland</p>	<p>26-29 February 2024 – 3 Officers</p> <p>25-28 February 2024 – 1 Officer</p>	<p><b>EU Funding Project: H2020 Food Trails project Annual Partner Meeting</b></p> <p>Birmingham is one of 11 cities participating in the EU funded Horizon 2020 project <a href="https://eurocities.eu/projects/food-trails/">https://eurocities.eu/projects/food-trails/</a></p> <p>To participate in the Food Trails Replication Visit</p> <p>The purpose of the visit was two-fold. Firstly, to learn from Warsaw good practice including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a farm co-operative using regenerative farm practices in an urban context,</li> <li>• how businesses are supported to reduce food waste,</li> <li>• how Warsaw transformed its food economy creating a non-obesogenic environment,</li> <li>• the Boost Programme, the business incubator for food businesses that Warsaw successfully implemented in the recent years transforming the city into a capital of healthy eating and sustainability.</li> </ul> <p><b>Practical Outcomes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Warsaw Boost (an innovative programme supporting SME start up businesses in the food sector) is supported from the Warsaw Municipality General Fund. It has also managed to support food businesses entering the public sector supply chain. The learning from this was cascaded to the UKSPF Product and Services Innovation (STEAMhouse Forward) project.</li> <li>• Learning made from the food waste separation and storage system shared with Incredible Surplus and Eat Make Play for implementation.</li> </ul>	<p><b>ALL COSTS INCLUDING STAFF COSTS MET BY EUROPEAN FUNDING</b></p> <p>Authorised by Paul Kitson, Jo Tonkin and Lloyd Broad</p>	<p>Employment, skills and local economy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support inclusive economic growth</li> <li>• Tackle unemployment and skills</li> <li>• Attract inward investment and infrastructure</li> </ul> <p>Opportunities for children and young people</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tackle poverty and inequalities</li> <li>• Empower citizens and enable the citizen voice</li> </ul> <p>Health and Wellbeing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tackle Health Inequalities</li> <li>• Encourage and enable physical activity and healthy living</li> </ul>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learning from urban growing initiative shared with the East Birmingham team supporting work with pocket parks</li> </ul> <p>Secondly, this visit also had a focus on the city of Warsaw and their approach to integration of nutrition into their Food Trails pilot.</p> <p>(Note: Overseas meetings are conditional requirements of the Grant)</p> <p><b>Practical Outcomes (CCM):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participated in a Cross Cutting Manager (CCM) workshop</li> <li>• Documented verbal updates from the team to include in a year 4 CCM report</li> <li>• Visited one of the pilot sites and spoke to staff to understand current service provision and future aspirations</li> <li>• The Cross Cutting Theme Manager is required to develop the nutritional aspect of the thematic report for the whole of the Food Trails project. The purpose of this report is to chart the progress of individual cities and to assist them in the development of their food policy work. The CCM is also responsible for ensuring the integrity of the entire report. This visit to Warsaw, Poland, provided the opportunity to review the content with the other Cross Cutting Theme Managers and discuss the development of the Warsaw food system policy. The CCM input was explicitly around nutrition. The visit also provided the opportunity to learn from Warsaw which is now promoting itself as a Vegan friendly city and has adopted innovative advertisement campaigns to encourage healthier diets. These approaches have been shared with the Food Systems Team in Birmingham City Council.</li> </ul>		

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Partnerships, Insight and Prevention Directorate – 1 Officer seconded from the Healthy Futures Ltd in the role of Cross Cutting Theme Manager for Nutrition in the Food Trails project.	Thessaloniki, Greece	13-15 March 2024	<p><b>EU Funding Project: H2020 Food Trails project Annual Partner Meeting</b></p> <p>Birmingham is one of 11 cities participating in the EU funded Horizon 2020 project <a href="https://eurocities.eu/projects/food-trails/">https://eurocities.eu/projects/food-trails/</a></p> <p>This visit had a focus on the city of Thessaloniki and their approach to integration of nutrition into their Food Trails pilot.</p> <p>(Note: Overseas meetings are conditional requirements of the Grant)</p> <p><b>Practical Outcomes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Delivered a presentation on Nutrition to members of Thessaloniki's Living Lab.</li> <li>Documented verbal updates from the team to include in a year 4 Cross Cutting Manager report</li> <li>Visited two pilot sites.</li> <li>The learning has been captured to support Birmingham City Council's approach to urban food growing initiatives. The visit included a site visit to an area of reclaimed land in the centre of the city and is now owned by a city co-operative and is successfully growing crops. This has also resulted in the reduction of Anti Social Behaviour in this area and helped to support community cohesion.</li> </ul>	<p><b>ALL COSTS INCLUDING STAFF COSTS MET BY EUROPEAN FUNDING</b></p> <p>Authorised by Paul Kitson, Jo Tonkin and Lloyd Broad</p>	
East Birmingham Programme, Places, Prosperity & Sustainability Directorate - 1 Officer	Munich and Sulzbach-Rosenberg, Germany	24-26 March 2024	<p>Tyseley Strategic Alliance &amp; development of Tyseley Environmental Enterprise District</p> <p>To support University of Birmingham collaboration with Fraunhofer institute with respect to waste processing, and twinning of industrial regeneration areas (Tyseley with Maxhütte steelworks). Linked with Tyseley Strategic Alliance.</p> <p><b>Practical Outcomes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gathered information on energy reclamation from solid waste to inform BCC Waste Strategy</li> </ul>	<p><b>ALL COSTS MET BY UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM</b></p> <p><b>STAFF COSTS WERE NOT COVERED BY THIS VISIT, HOWEVER, THE VISIT INCLUDED THE WEEKEND</b></p>	<p>Employment, skills and local economy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support inclusive economic growth</li> <li>Tackle unemployment and skills</li> <li>Attract inward investment and infrastructure</li> </ul> <p>Opportunities for children and young people</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tackle poverty and inequalities</li> </ul> <p>Climate Emergency</p>

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			<p>(reporting back to Director of Street Services)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhanced international profile of Tyseley Environmental Enterprise District through transnational learning/comparison with Maxhütte steelworks.</li> <li>• Enhanced/expanded collaboration with University of Birmingham, in support of Route to Net Zero Carbon agenda – developing various waste and decarbonisation opportunities.</li> </ul> <p>Supported development plans for Tyseley Environmental Enterprise District, linked with delivery of East Birmingham Inclusive Growth Strategy and contributing to inward investment, job creation and inclusive growth.</p>	<p>Authorised by Justin Varney, Paul Kitson and Lloyd Broad</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve air quality</li> <li>• Continue on the Route to Net Zero</li> </ul>

**Total Cost of visits = £0**

**No of visits by Members = 1**

**No of visits by Officers = 5**

**No of visits at No Cost to the City = 5**

**Total cost of visits undertaken between**

**Current financial year 2023/2024**

<b>Date</b>	<b>No of visits</b>	<b>Cost</b>
1 April 2023 – 30 June 2023	12	£4,309.85
1 July 2023 – 30 September 2023	1	£7,856.31
1 October 2023 – 31 December 2023	3	£0
1 January 2024 – 31 March 2024	5	£0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>£12,166.16</b>

**Visits summary 2022/2023**

<b>Date</b>	<b>No of visits</b>	<b>Cost</b>
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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>£36,559.40</b>

**Visits summary 2021/2022**

<b>Date</b>	<b>No of visits</b>	<b>Cost</b>
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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>£23,388.38</b>

**Visits summary 2020/2021**

<b>Date</b>	<b>No of visits</b>	<b>Cost</b>
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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>£0</b>

**Costings Info for the previous period, 2015-2020:****Visits summary 2019/2020**

<b>Date</b>	<b>No of visits</b>	<b>Cost</b>
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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>£30,629.61</b>

**Visits summary 2018/2019**

<b>Date</b>	<b>No of visits</b>	<b>Cost</b>
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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>£78,799.58</b>

**Visits summary 2017/2018**

<b>Date</b>	<b>No of visits</b>	<b>Cost</b>
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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>£27,404.19</b>

**Visits summary 2016/2017**

<b>Date</b>	<b>No of visits</b>	<b>Cost</b>
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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>£46,073</b>

**Visits summary 2015/2016**

<b>Date</b>	<b>No of visits</b>	<b>Cost</b>
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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>£59,985</b>

**Costings Info for the previous period, 2014-2015:  
Visits summary 2014/2015**

<b>Date</b>	<b>No of visits</b>	<b>Cost</b>
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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>£53,998</b>