

CIVIC RELATED VISITS - None

NETWORK RELATED VISITS – None

PARTNER CITIES RELATED VISITS - None

PROFESSIONAL, FUNDING AND SPECIFIC PROJECTS RELATED VISITS

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<p>European and International Affairs, Places, Prosperity &amp; Sustainability Directorate – 2 Officers</p> <p>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>Public Health Division Strategy, Equalities and Partnerships Directorate – 1 Officer</p>	<p>Funchal, Madeira, Portugal</p>	<p>14-17 November 2023</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>Annual Partner project meeting to discuss progress, priorities and review final year project delivery including financial analysis and review of any underspends. This meeting will also be used to plan Year 4 activities and ensuring rules and regulations are being met.</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>• Project budget reprofile agreed with Lead Partner.</li> <li>• Communication and dissemination activities in Birmingham agreed with Lead Partner to cover to the end of the project.</li> <li>• Future Horizon Europe funding opportunities explored with Partners.</li> <li>• The city's active participation, contributions, and strategic positioning reaffirm its commitment to shaping the future of sustainable and healthy food policies both locally and on the European stage.</li> <li>• The learning from food waste separation, nutrition focussed projects and growing and urban spaces shared with Birmingham team.</li> </ul>	<p><b>ALL COSTS MET BY EUROPEAN FUNDING</b></p> <p>Authorised by Justin Varney, Paul Kitson and Lloyd Broad</p>	<p>Employment, skills and local economy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support inclusive economic growth</li> <li>• Attract inward investment and infrastructure</li> </ul> <p>Opportunities for children and young people</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Empower citizens and enable the citizen voice</li> </ul> <p>Health and Wellbeing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage and enable physical activity and healthy living</li> </ul>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New mapping tool to analyse relationships between City stakeholders for food system mapping focussing on interconnected relationships shared with Birmingham team.</li> </ul>		
Resettlement & Migration Team Adult Social Care and Health Directorate - 1 Officer	Brussels, Belgium	23-25 November 2023	<p><b>EU Funding Project:</b> <a href="#">The Migrant Integration through Local designed Experiences (MILE) project</a> is an EU funded programme consisting of an international partnership of 6 European cities. The aim of this 2 yr. project is to enable migrant participation in local government and empower local communities by creating international exchange networks and partnerships. The visit to Brussels, Belgium in November 2023 is to participate in the final project meeting.</p> <p>(Note: Overseas meetings are conditional requirements of the Grant)</p> <p>The Mile project supports the Councils: City of Sanctuary policy,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Equalities and cohesion strategy and policies</li> <li>Citizen participation and inclusion strategy</li> </ul> <p><b>Practical Outcomes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Culminating a 2-year project where BCC was a key partner, the conference concentrated on advancing migrant inclusion and gaining a comprehensive understanding of successful civic and political integration at a local level across EU countries.</li> <li>Through the conference, partners shared practical insights and first-hand experiences in engaging the migrant population within their municipalities in civic and political life of the cities. BCC representative presented BCC's approach, including robust panel and consultations exercise undertaken in re-writing City of Sanctuary Policy, engagement of "Experts by Experience" in the allocation process of Asylum Dispersal grants, the role of LAASLO (Local Authority</li> </ul>	<p><b>ALL COSTS MET BY EUROPEAN FUNDING</b></p> <p>Authorised by Graeme Betts and Lloyd Broad</p>	<p>Employment, skills and local economy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support inclusive economic growth</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> <li>Promote and champion diversity, civic pride and culture</li> <li>Support and enable all children and young people to thrive</li> </ul> <p>Community resilience, cohesion and living standards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Protect and safeguard vulnerable citizens</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> <li>Champion Mental Health</li> </ul>

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			<p>Asylum Seeker Liaison Officer), and creation of Migrant Advice Portal. Best practice from international partners included deliberative democracy approaches, structural engagement of migrant citizens, creative recruitment strategies, sustainability &amp; independence of consultative bodies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participation in the final consortium meeting in Brussels solidified partnerships with municipalities, academic institutions, and third-sector partners, fostering valuable connections and we have joined an international exchange network.</li> </ul> <p>Project knowledge was disseminated among local internal and external partners and fortified the Birmingham MILE consultative group and ensured its sustainability post-project. We are hoping to work with the Public Participation team to mainstream migrant participation among other citizen engagement activities.</p>		
<p>Transport Development &amp; Information, Transport &amp; Connectivity Places, Prosperity &amp; Sustainability Directorate – 1 Officer</p>	<p>Barcelona, Spain</p>	<p>28-30 November 2023</p>	<p><b>EU Funding Project: The JIVE project – FCHJU funded</b></p> <p>The Council are a key partner within the European funded FCHJU ( Joint Undertaking for fuel cell hydrogen vehicles) project ‘JIVE’. The Council have secured the majority of the funding for 20 hydrogen buses from the FCHJU, and have purchased the buses and working with the Bus Operator to pilot operational viability as part of the main bus fleet.</p> <p>It is a requirement of the FCHJU/JIVE contract to attend Consortium meetings to update on project management and share learning.</p> <p>(Note: Overseas meetings are conditional requirements of the Grant)</p>	<p><b>ALL COSTS MET BY EUROPEAN FUNDING</b></p> <p>Authorised by Ian MacLeod and Lloyd Broad</p>	<p>Climate Emergency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve Air Quality</li> <li>• Continue on the Route to Net Zero</li> </ul>

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			<p><b>Practical Outcomes:</b></p> <p>Sharing experiences of JIVE Partner progress, challenges faced, best practices and lessons being learned during the H2 bus operational pilot including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on progress made on Hydrogen Re-fuelling Station reliability and supply chain issues.</li> <li>• JIVE partner reporting on data collection and analysis.</li> <li>• JIVE programme administrative update- with partner updates on amendments, financial reporting, and work package deliverables.</li> </ul>		

**Total Cost of visits = £0**  
**No of visits by Members = 0**  
**No of visits by Officers = 3**  
**No of visits at No Cost to the City = 3**  
**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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>16</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>