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20-24 May 2024	European and International Affairs, Places, Prosperity & Sustainability Directorate - 1 Officer & Public Health, Partnerships, Insight and Prevention Directorate – 2 Officers	Warsaw, Poland	<p>EU Funding Project: Food Trails Project Visit</p> <p>Food Trails Mid-Year Meeting</p> <p>Food Trails is a four-year fully funded EU Horizon 2020 project aiming to translate in Europe the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact's collective commitment to integrated urban food policies into measurable and long-term progress towards sustainable food systems. 11 European cities, with universities and stakeholders, will co-design pilot actions as leverage points for FOOD 2030 urban food policies development, involving also 21 worldwide follower cities. The aim of the Food Trails project is to support cities across Europe to develop healthier, sustainable food policies/strategies and food policy actions.</p> <p>There are learning opportunities for Birmingham participants including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •World cafe on resilience and responses to food crises – Birmingham to present its work in this field •Participants will reflect on challenges to innovate products and processes, and the engagement of different stakeholders, divided into groups for a guided workshop. •Birmingham colleagues will contribute to the session focusing on 'how Food Trails pilots and actions have influenced local food policies. <p>Learning from this project will inform business support programmes funded by the UK SPF and a joint proposal currently being developed with the Aston University.</p> <p>Additionally, these practices are of direct relevance to the three pilot actions that are being funded through the Birmingham Food Trails Living Lab and include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Nutrition pilot 'Full of Beans' •Feasibility study to transform spaces in Birmingham in urban growing/distribution hub •Food waste separation pilot including composting and growing. <p>Learning from Warsaw will be embedded into the above activities.</p>	EU FUNDED PROJECT - All expenses paid for by project including Staff Time	<p>Employment, skills and local economy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support inclusive economic growth • Tackle unemployment and skills • 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 • Encourage and enable physical activity and healthy living

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4-10 May 2024	European and International Affairs, Places, Prosperity & Sustainability Directorate - 1 Officer & Digital and Customer Services - 1 Officer	Ulsan, South Korea	<p>Fully funded DIATOMIC project visit to Ulsan, South Korea</p> <p>Diatomic is a fully funded 2 year UK Research and Innovation (UKRI). It is part of the West Midlands Innovation Accelerator established with the Government's new innovation funding for the region. This project has an overall value of £6.2m of which BCC is funded for £1.1m of activity. The project is led by Connected Places Catapult and BCC is a partner. Two city council teams are responsible for the internal delivery of this project: International Affairs team and the Digital City and Innovation team.</p> <p>The purpose of the project is to build the innovation capability and capacity to drive growth and prosperity in Birmingham, positioning us as a leading UK city in digital innovation and inclusive innovation. It offers us an incredible learning and transformation opportunity. The project is focusing on the following sectors: clean energy, low carbon (including retrofit and circularity) and health innovation.</p> <p>Birmingham is a delivery partner in the West Midlands Innovation Accelerator project DIATOMIC. This is a £6.2million project led by Connected Places Catapult in conjunction with the City Council, University of Birmingham, Aston University, Birmingham City University, Greater Birmingham Chamber of Commerce and West Midlands Growth Company One of the 9 work packages of DIATOMIC is the Global City to City Demonstrator of which BCC is the lead delivery partner and has ringfenced grant to manage. This package of work builds on the UK/South Korea Innovation Twins programme which paired Birmingham with Ulsan in South Korea.</p> <p>The purpose of the visit will be to visit each of the Ulsan partners/stakeholders and agree/progress the proposed work programme which includes 'sub projects' in topics such as Cleantech, Circular Economy, Innovation eco-systems, Digital Partnerships and Academic/research collaboration. Representatives of each of the abovementioned local partners will join the city council on the visit.</p>	INNOVATE UK PROJECT - All expenses paid for by the DIATOMIC UK project including staff time	<p>Employment, skills and local economy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support inclusive economic growth • Tackle Unemployment • Attract inward investment and infrastructure