

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL LOCAL INNOVATION FUND "Doing things differently in neighbourhoods to make better places to live" WARD PROPOSAL FORM					
WARD Hodge Hill	INNOVATION TITLE Firs & Bromford Community Centre				
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<p>What is your innovative idea and how does it show collaborative, partnership working and active citizenship?</p> <p>The proposal is for O'Dells Community Pride Amateur Boxing Club to establish a NEW legal entity, build strong partnerships, strong infrastructure and a clear business case leading to a possible successful community asset transfer (CAT) of Firs & Bromford Community centre and ensure it becomes a locally owned and run community asset. This project is focused on capacity building to ensure a possible CAT.</p> <p>This will involve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The development of a new legal entity in place to CAT the Firs & Bromford Community Centre • The development of a partnership of local community group's (Led by the new entity): Firs & Bromford Neighbours Together, Worth Unlimited, Open Door Community Foundation, local schools, Forest Space, St. Wilfrid's Community Centre, Police, Amateur Boxing Association Development Officers, Birmingham Wellbeing Service, Sport Birmingham, Sport England, and Sported. This is to understand the opportunities and possibilities for the building a develop a strong development plan. • Strengthening the capacity of the new entity to own and manage the community asset. This will involve specific capacity building support, peer to peer mentoring, and skilling up sessions for the organisation, a new stronger management board and more volunteers. • Hold a consultation with local residents to understand ways in which they would engage with the centre, the gifts, skills and talents they could offer, and ways they would get involved. • Complete a strong and robust business plan for the long-term sustainability of the centre including: Clear income streams for ongoing revenue (3 year cashflow forecast), possible income opportunities, a development plan for the centre (possible 					

reconfiguring the building to maximise usage), and funding opportunities for capital work to develop the centre

- Funding a funding advisor to develop a fundraising plan, and begin accessing capital and revenue grants once the asset transfer is in place
- Legal assistance with the lease agreement/asset transfer, and development of the legal structure, and constitution
- Work with local businesses to bring in their expertise (as board members and volunteers) and investment into the building

Overall, the project is supporting the Firs & Bromford community centre to become a truly community led asset.

Time Frame – is it:

One off event/programme

Implement and complete within 6 months (2016)

Implement and complete within 12 months (2017)

X

How will the innovation be implemented?

O'Dells ABC will lead on this project until a new legal structure is in place that will take over this project. Tina O'Dell will lead the project with support from a range of people including support from partners including Amateur Boxing Association Development Officer, Birmingham Wellbeing Service, Sport Birmingham, Firs & Bromford Neighbours Together and Open Door Community Foundation.

What outcomes will the proposal achieve? What will success look like and how will its impact be measured? How will you ensure legacy/ continuation and what learning will the project provide?

In 12 months success will be:

- A new legal structure is in place and prepared structurally for community asset transfer with a management board with the required skills and expertise, and a team of people to run the building
- A business plan is in place with clear income streams for ongoing revenue (3 year cashflow forecast), possible income opportunities, a development plan for the centre (possible reconfiguring the building to maximise usage), and funding opportunities for capital work to develop the centre
- The asset transfer is complete and income streams are in place to ensure the sustainability of the building (a 3-year cashflow)

- A community partnership is in place to enable the utilisation of the community centre as a sustainable asset for the whole community
- More local residents and organisations are actively engaged in the building and the centre is more resident-led – more volunteers involved in the centre
- The legacy of this project is a locally owned and run community asset in Firs & Bromford.

Have you considered other sources of funding and whether the project can be used to leverage further funding from elsewhere (please specify funding sources)?

We are exploring a range of funders who will help us enable the community centre to be a sustainable resource. This includes working with Sport Birmingham, Sport England and the Amateur Boxing Association to seek both capital and revenue funds. Having the asset in local ownership will enable the leveraging of funding and resources e.g. Sport England have stated they would invest in the building if it was asset transferred.

What resources will be required?

	£
- Capital	
- Running costs	10,000
- People power volunteers	

Amount required from LIF £ 10,000

The funding is specifically for the legal assistance to set up the structure, and assist with the asset transfer, a funding advisor (paying for more time), training and upskilling for board members and volunteers, the completion of a business plan, and a programme of community consultation events. Currently O'Dell's is totally led by volunteers and nobody takes any finances/payment.

Have you got any match funding – in cash or in kind?

In kind support – Open Door Community Foundation has a street connector mentor who will assist and support the project with engagement with the community, consultation, and partnership development
Firs & Bromford Neighbours Together (local partnership) is providing a funding advisors to assist with funding applications.

Contact person for proposal

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Which residents or community groups was the proposal discussed with and when (please give details of any meetings and which councillors attended)?

The proposal was discussed at a Ward Committee meeting on Tuesday 24th October 2017 and was endorsed by the residents who attended. All three of the Hodge Hill Ward councillors were in attendance and support the proposal.

Discussed at

Ward meeting Hodge Hill Ward

Date 24th October 2017

Signatures of all 3 Ward Councillors

Name MATIA MAHMOOD Signature Matia Mahmood Date 30/11/2017

Name Dave Johnson Signature D. Johnson Date 30.11.17

Name FIONA WILLIAMS Signature Fiona Williams Date 30/11/17

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Go to Cabinet Committee – Local Leadership for decision: Date

Approved

Yes	
No	