

Local Innovation Fund – Core Criteria and Guidance

MUSTS

1. **Improving collaboration is a key aim of the Fund. Therefore ward councillors MUST work with residents and known constituted community groups to prepare proposals.**
2. **Key Priorities of Every Place Matters and Better Deal for Neighbourhoods with emphasis on local innovation – doing things differently from an asset based approach i.e. enabling different people to do different things in different ways to make better places to live.**
3. Local Innovation Fund must be used with a local neighbourhood take on at least one of the overarching council vision themes and priorities as well as must meeting at least one of the LIF basket of priorities below.
4. Overarching **Council Vision**

For LIF this vision means we will prioritise a Better Deal for Neighbourhoods and Every Place Matters along with strengthening communities with 4 additional priorities

- Supporting **citizens' independence and well-being**
- **New approaches to investment** e.g. time banking, different ways of managing public assets
- Supporting **Active Citizenship** and communities stepping up to the challenge and encourage and stimulate innovative asset based approaches in neighbourhoods
- **Clean Streets**
- **Improving local centres**

Adding value to the overriding city wide priorities

- **Children** – A great city to grow up in
 - **Jobs and Skills** – A great city to succeed in
 - **Housing** – A great city to live in
 - **Health** – A great city to lead a healthy and active life
5. These priorities and innovative ways forward may already be outlined in Neighbourhood Challenges, Community Plans, Ward Plans and local needs profiles and are ready to go.
 6. It is vital that local ward councillors continue to develop their local leadership role and that ward meetings / forums are used for talking and listening with local citizens and community groups in developing collaborative local proposals of innovation for action.
 7. LIF is to invest and experiment in new, innovative and catalytic approaches at the local level – LIF is not a replacement for lost revenue budgets or core funding.
 8. Accountability – Discussions with active citizens and community groups at Ward Meetings with all 3 Ward Councillors needing to be engaged in the process and agree to the proposals taken forward to Cabinet Committee – Local Leadership for approval.