

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL LOCAL INNOVATION FUND "Doing things differently in neighbourhoods to make better places to live" WARD PROPOSAL FORM					
WARD ...STECHFORD & YARDLEY NORTH...	INNOVATION TITLE ...STECHFORD-IN-BLOOM..				
<p>Innovations have to meet the LIF priorities and add value to the City wide core priorities listed below.</p> <p>(Tick all those that apply)</p> <table style="width: 100%;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left; width: 50%;"><u>City Core Priorities</u></th> <th style="text-align: left; width: 50%;"><u>LIF Priorities</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children - a Great City to Grow Up In <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> • Jobs & Skills a great City to succeed in <input type="checkbox"/> • Housing a great City to live in <input type="checkbox"/> • Health a great City to lead a healthy & active life <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> </td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizens' Independence & Well Being <input type="checkbox"/> • New approaches to investment <input type="checkbox"/> • Active citizens & communities stepping up <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> • Clean streets <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> • Improving local centres <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		<u>City Core Priorities</u>	<u>LIF Priorities</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children - a Great City to Grow Up In <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> • Jobs & Skills a great City to succeed in <input type="checkbox"/> • Housing a great City to live in <input type="checkbox"/> • Health a great City to lead a healthy & active life <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizens' Independence & Well Being <input type="checkbox"/> • New approaches to investment <input type="checkbox"/> • Active citizens & communities stepping up <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> • Clean streets <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> • Improving local centres <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<p>What is your innovative idea and how does it show collaborative, partnership working and active citizenship?</p> <p>The STECHFORD VILLAGE NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM (SVNF) meets at the sbcFamily Learning Centre, Stechford Baptist Church, 74 Victoria Road, Stechford, Birmingham, B33 8AH. The proposal put forward here advocates for the continuation of the improvement of Stechford, using a Royal Horticultural Society's campaign.</p> <p>Using the IT'S YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD (IYN) programme (from BRITAIN-IN-BLOOM) we aim to re-establish a centre for our WARD and make that centre attractive. The plan for 2017 was to lay the foundation through focusing on THE GREEN,, STATION ROAD, as an example for the rest of the ward and over time add areas for improvement – one road at a time, one area at a time. This would be a way of challenge the way people who neglect property and open spaces as well put a spotlight on fly tippers and dog foulers.</p> <p>This programme encourages PARTICIPATION from ALL groups (all ages, ethnicities, religion and backgrounds), as all people generally want to live in a clean environment with a good atmosphere and upbeat community spirit. In order for this programme to succeed, it required the participation of partnership working with Education (schools, nurseries), Groups (Scouts, kids clubs); Housing (Waterloo, Anchor), Churches (Catholic, Baptist, Church of England), Mosques, West Midlands Police (Stechford Police, Princes Trust Programme), Businesses (Station Road shops), Rail Services (London Midland & Network Rail), Charities (Stechford Foodbank, Betel, Arts in the Yard) the City Council (Parks, Elected members, Housing, Highways) and private companies/organisations (ISG), each one playing a significant role.</p> <p>The programme also encourages ACTION because of the timescales associated with 'It's Your</p>					

Neighbourhood' (IYN). RHS judges visit and assess the neighbourhood against their proposals. In 2016 the Forum achieved a LEVEL 2 and in 2017 a LEVEL 4. With help from the funding we have to achieve a LEVEL 5 in 2018.

Time Frame – is it:-

One off event/programme

no

Implement and complete within 6 months

no

Implement and complete within 12 months

yes

How will the innovation be implemented?

The SVNf meets monthly at the sbcFamily Learning Centre (SBC). On those occasions (and since 2017), plans about this idea have been presented and discussed. Communication is mainly via email, where all involved exchange information and this will continue. On other occasions there have been smaller meetings and on site appointments at the proposal sites, which will also continue. Plans have been drawn up for some sites (SBC open space, Rail Station+ open space, Station Road + open space, Police Station, All Saints open space). All teams were aware of the part they play in implementing the programmes over the next few months. Our programme was followed by programme makers for "Blooming Marvellous" to be aired next season.

SBC – free community badminton court (artificial turf)

VICTORIA ROAD – home gardens (No.66 and St Marta's Nursing Home)

STATION (rail) – improving the views from the platforms – working with Network Rail

STATION ROAD – raised beds, hanging baskets, 3 x orchards, refreshed seating, Wooden

Gazebo Band Stand on the Green; New Leisure Centre Floral Entrance; BIG LUNCH

STATION (Police) – flower tower and hedge work, Welcome to Stechford signage,

ALL SAINTS (+FOODBANK) – develop the next Foodbank Clients Spring crops

NEW LEISURE CENTRE – floral excellence for OFFICIAL OPENING

STATION ROAD 2 – Welcome to Stechford

FRANCIS ROAD ALLOTMENTS – creating a 'village of farmers'

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?

BOTH 'feel good' factor, the view and legacy to take forward in the following years.

-Village Centre (Station Road and the Green) – a sense of BELONGING

-Adopt-a-Station (Stechford Station) – welcome to Stechford; youth participation - OWNERSHIP

-BIG LUNCH on THE GREEN in June 2018 – GET TOGETHER

- Assessment (Heart of England IN BLOOM) - July 2018 – ACHIEVEMENT & SUCCESS

-Grow your own (orchards, allotments and small holdings established) – HEALTH BENEFITS

-exercise for all (community badminton – free) – HEATH & EXERCISE

-Scouts (opportunity to gain badges) & school Children – ACHIEVEMENT
 -Youth (Duke of Edinburgh & Princes Trust candidates, school) – RESPECT FOR YOUTH
 -Older people groups – RESPECT FOR ELDERS
 VOLUNTEERS/RESIDENTS – through working together - COMMUNITY COHESION

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

YES

-SVNF held funds (£2300 of Community First – 2015) in hand
 -Veolia (£992)
 -Tenants Group - £500
 -London Midland (Arts Project/Floral embellishments)
 -West Midlands Railways (to be confirmed)
 -Network Rail (to be confirmed)
 -Businesses (to be confirmed)
 -Churches (small contributions)
 -Princes Trust (£300)

What resources will be required?

	£
- Capital	yes
- Running costs	-
- People power volunteers	yes

Amount required from LIF

Have you got any match funding – in cash or in kind? **YES (see above)**

PROPOSED BUDGET

SITE 1 (to complete for 2018)

SBC - FREE community badminton

Court – ARTIFICIAL TURF 15m x 7m on double layer foundation

Timber for court outline – 44m – donated

Foundation work - donated

Gutters for Strawberry growth – fruit shed- donated

Badminton nets, rackets, key safe – donated

Volunteers – 30

TOTAL = £0

SITE 2 (to complete for 2018)

VICTORIA ROAD

Hanging baskets, flowers for large concrete planters – frontage of St Marthas - £500

Entrance sign to Home Garden display No.66

Volunteers – 10

TOTAL = £500

SITE 3 (to complete for 2018)

STECHFORD STATION

West Midland Railways - donated

Network Rail – support (staff on site)

GRAFITI ART on BRIDGE - £1800 (Graffiti Box)

CAT scan (survey for embankment to aid digging exercise) - (Network rail can't afford) - £500

SKIPS for rubbish removal (x4) = £800

Volunteers – 50+

TOTAL = £3100

SITE 4 (to complete for 2018)

STATION ROAD

Green Paint (Metal) – for railings at the 2 light-controlled cross walks - £25

Window boxes (x5) above shops - donated

Timber (bench repair) - donated

Planters (raised beds) for pavements/entrances x 8 - donated

Planters – BCC supplied (x 5) - £625

Fruit Trees (apples, and pears) x 24 @ £25 for 3 Orchard zones - £600

Garden clearance for residents - donated

Volunteers – 30+

TOTAL = £1250

THE GREEN (to complete for 2018)

Bedding plants for ground display beds - donated

Grange Regis Gazebo Bandstand (Screw Fix) - £1700

SIGN – direction sign - £350

Hanging Baskets (5) for Band stand - £200

Bench repairs – donated

BIG LUNCH 2018 EVENT (Toilet Marquee, Bouncy Castle, etc) - £500

Volunteers – 15

TOTAL = £2750

SITE 5 (to complete for 2018)

POLICE STATION

2 Flower Towers - £1200

3 raised beds - donated

Flowers - £500

Trip fence - £200

SIGN (Stechford-in-Bloom) (Welcome to Stechford)- £300
 2 large hanging baskets + straps (for front door area)- £118 x2 (£236)
 Volunteers – 25
 TOTAL = £2436

SITE 6 (to complete for 2018)

ALL SAINTS/STECHFORD FOODBANK

Open Space clearance (shrubbery, small trees etc) 80' x 100' – grab hire - donated
 Mini-digger hire (1 day) – Jewson – weekend - donated
 Material (Railway sleepers, screws) for 8 double height beds – 42 sleepers – VEOLIA
 RECYCLING
 Compost/Top Soil – 3 large bags - £330
 Artificial turf (£40/3mx1m) on 100' wheelchair access path through raised beds – donated
 Flowers & Vegetable plants (various) - support from Francis Rd Allotment holders - donated
 1 Water butt (rain harvesting)- VEOLIA RECYCLING
 Volunteers – 100+
 TOTAL = £330

SITE 7 (new for 2018)

STECHFORD NEW LEISURE CENTRE

Bedding plants - donated
 Flower Tower - £600
 Volunteers – 50+
 TOTAL = £600

SITE 8 (new for 2018)

STATION ROAD to VICARAGE ROAD

Bedding plants - donated
 Flower Tower - £600
 Volunteers – 10+
 TOTAL = £600

SITE 9 (new for 2018)

FRANCIS ROAD ALLOTMENTS

Equipment (Strimmer, Hedge trimmer, chainsaw) - £300
 Mini-sheds (for first 10 plots) – in bloom - £1700
 Paints (various) - £200
 SIGN – £300
 Volunteers – 50+
 TOTAL = £2500

SITE 10

2 x SCHOOLS

FLORAL DELIGHT – raised beds, flowers, water feature, children's Art- £500

Hanging Baskets – donated

Volunteers - 100+

TOTAL = £500

TOTAL = £13,316

SITE 1 -

SITE 2 - £500

SITE 3 - £3100

SITE 4 - £2750

SITE 5 - £2436

SITE 6 - £330

SITE 7 - £600

SITE 8 - £600

SITE 9 - £2500

SITE 10 - £500

STECHFORD IN BLOOM 2018

Value of volunteer hours - estimated at 570 volunteers x 10 hrs each= 5700 (x £11.90) =

Total value = £67,830

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)?

EMAIL/PHONE COMMUNICATION and Face-to-face MEETINGS

- February 16 – shared at Ward meeting (proposal first shared) – All 3 Councillors
- April 6 – Stechford Primary (Learning Mentor) + Coordinator
- April 6 – SVNf meeting + SKYPE participants -BBC programme makers Electric Ray) – Cllr Dad, Cllr Jones, WMP, Housing, Residents, Foodbank, All Saints, SBC)
- April 10 – Birmingham City Council (Parks) – Site Visit
- April 13 – Electric Ray, Parks, Housing, Mrs McGhie-Belgrave (for Arts in the Yard) – Cllr Eustace
- April 25 – Housing (Tenants Participation); Tour of Sites; London Midland, Arts in the Yard
- April 26 – Electric Ray, Chairman, WMP Princes Trust, Vicar-All Saints, Foodbank
- April 28 – Network Rail (email) – Meeting in early May on site; Visit to Mosque (Richmond Rd)
- April 28 – Stechford Foodbank/All Saints (shared at team meeting)
- April 29 – Called 4 Businesses on Station Road –Michaels, Dixons, Nisa, Bumble Bees,
- April 30 – Station Road – Orchard Champion (3 sites)

May Meetings

- May 4 – Environment Coordinator (Corpus Christi Primary) and Coordinator
- May 4 – Filming (4 sites) with Electric Ray for BBC2's "Blooming marvellous"
- May 8 – Network Rail & Coordinator meeting (improving the waste land on the embankment)

More meeting days to come...and filming....

June – THE BIG LUNCH (listening to residents)

July – Teams working together preparing for assessment day (including help from Cllrs Jones & Eustace; RHS Assessor visit (further advice)

Sept – Further discussion with local councillor – Neil Eustace; visit to Allotments, feedbank from IYN assessors; discussion with foodbank clients & volunteers on further participation; London Midland Conference

Oct – Ward Meeting, SVNf meeting; Network Rail Information Day.

Ward meeting

Date

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Approved

Yes	
No	

Ward meeting Stechford & Yardley Norm
 Date 18 May 2017

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Name Councillor Neil Eustace Signature *Neil Eustace* Date 30/6/2017
 Name *Simon Jones* Signature *S. Jones* Date 30-06-2017
 Name *Cliff B. Dad* Signature *Cliff B. Dad* Date 12/7/2017

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