

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

PUBLIC REPORT

Report to:	Cabinet Committee – Local Leadership	
Report of:	ACTING STRATEGIC DIRECTOR OF PLACE AND LEADER	
Date of Decision:	31 January 2017	
SUBJECT:	LOCAL INNOVATION FUND – Ward Innovation Proposals	
Key Decision: No	Relevant Forward Plan Ref: N/A	
If not in the Forward Plan: (please "X" box)	Chief Executive approved	<input type="checkbox"/>
	O&S Chairman approved	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relevant Cabinet Member(s) or Relevant District Committee Chair:	ALL	
Relevant O&S Chairman:	Cllr Aikhlaq, Chair of Corporate Resources and Governance O&S Committee	
Wards affected:	ALL	

1. Purpose of report:
<p>1.1 To present the submitted Ward Local Innovation Fund Proposal(s) for approval</p> <p>1.2 To update Committee of the financial position on LIF at month 9 (end of December) 2016/17</p>

2. Decisions recommended:
<p>That the Cabinet Committee Local Leadership:</p> <p>2.1 Approve the Erdington Ward Proposal – “A Green Town Centre” £28K Approve the Sheldon Ward Proposal – “STAG2 – Speed Watch Improvement” £11.85K</p> <p>2.2 Note the financial position on LIF as at the end of Month 9 (end of December) 2016/17</p>

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3. Consultation
<p>3.1 <u>Internal</u></p> <p>Senior Officers in the Place Directorate, Legal Services and Finance have been involved in the preparation of this report.</p> <p>3.2 <u>External</u></p> <p>Ward Members have been holding their engagement meetings with key local stakeholders in order to agree priorities that fit the criteria for their Local Innovation Fund and develop their ward proposals.</p>
4. Compliance Issues:
<p>4.1 <u>Are the recommended decisions consistent with the Council's policies, plans and strategies?</u></p> <p>The recommendations are fully consistent with the Council's policies.</p> <p>The Business Plan and Budget adopted by Full Council in March 2016 committed the Council to "to develop a new approach to devolution within the city, with a focus on empowering people and giving them influence over local services".</p> <p>4.2 <u>Financial implications</u></p> <p>4.2.1 The Business Plan and Budget 2016+ that was agreed on 1 March 2016 approved an annual budget of £2M from 2016/17 to fund the Local Innovation Fund. It has subsequently been proposed that the £2m is spread over 2016/17 and 2017/18 and will cease thereafter.</p> <p>4.2.2. The Cabinet Committee – Local Leadership at the inaugural meeting in September 2016 approved the process for LIF and that each Ward would have £48K per annum</p> <p>4.2.3 To date three finalised Ward Proposals has been submitted for Cabinet Committee – Local Leadership approval.</p> <p>4.2.4 At the end of Month 9 2016/7 (December),no expenditure has been incurred against the LIF budget for Ward Proposals but the first grant has been processed in January for the December approved Tyburn Ward proposal.</p>

4.3 Legal Implications

Section 151 of the 1972 Local Government Act requires the Strategic Director of Finance and Legal (as the responsible officer) to ensure proper administration of the City Council's financial affairs. Budgetary control, which includes the regular monitoring of and reporting on budgets, is an essential requirement placed on directorates and members of Corporate Management Team by the City Council in discharging the statutory responsibility. This report meets the City Council's requirements on budgetary control for the specified area of the City Council's Directorate activities.

4.4 Public Sector Equality Duty

There are no additional specific Equality Duty or Equality Analysis issues beyond any already assessed and detailed in the budget setting process and monitoring issues that have arisen in the year to date. Any specific assessments will be made by the Directorates in the management of their services.

5. Relevant background/chronology of key events:

- 5.1 The Business Plan and Budget 2016+ that was agreed on 1 March 2016 approved an annual budget of £2M from 2016/17 to fund the Local Innovation Fund. It has subsequently been proposed that the £2m is spread over 2016/17 and 2017/18 and will cease thereafter.
- 5.2 On 20th September 2016, Cabinet Committee Local Leadership, received and approved the report entitled "Establishment of the Local Innovation Fund" which set out the governance arrangements for L.I.F. an overall budget of £2m.
- 5.3 The Neighbourhood Development and Support Unit within Place Directorate support and administer the L.I.F. process, for which a contribution of £0.080m was approved. At Cabinet Committee – Local Leadership in September 2016.
- 5.4 The budget of £1.92m is to finance ward innovative initiatives. The Unit will support all Wards across the city at their stakeholder meetings discussing priorities for spend and developing ward proposals The Unit have developed a series of supporting information for all Councillors and Wards including a regular update on "Investing in Neighbourhoods Funding Opportunities 4" (January 17), and a Sample Example of a Ward Proposal(distributed at the last Cabinet Committee- Local Leadership in December 2016)
- 5.5 Ward Proposals for innovation are being developed across the City at ward meetings with a wide range community stakeholders. Proposals meeting LIF criteria, supported and signed off by Ward Members will be submitted to Cabinet Committee -Local Leadership for approval. The Proposals submitted for this meeting on 31/1/17 are for Erdington Ward (Appendix 1) and Sheldon Ward (sent separately)
- 5.6 Cabinet Committee Local Leadership will receive regular financial monitoring reports once spend has started. However the first grant for Tyburn Ward has been completed this month, following its approval at December's Cabinet Committee – Local Leadership meeting.

6. Evaluation of alternative option(s):	
6.1	During the year the financial position on the Local Innovation Fund will continue to be closely monitored.
7. Reasons for Decision(s):	
7.1	To action the spend of Ward LIF proposals as part of a clear strategic approach to investing at neighbourhood level, to assist in the development of strong and sustainable social capital and to act as a catalyst to encourage and stimulate local innovative asset based approaches
7.2	The Report also informs Cabinet Committee Local Leadership of the L.I.F. financial monitoring position at the end of December 2016.

Signatures	<u>Date</u>
John Clancy Council Leader
Jacqui Kennedy Acting Strategic Director - Place

List of Background Documents used to compile this Report:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report to Cabinet Committee – Local Leadership on 20 September 2016 – “Establishment of the Local Innovation Fund” <p>(All background documents and discussion papers are readily available on request)</p> <p>Appendices Appendix 1 – Erdington Ward Proposal Appendix 2 – Sheldon Ward Proposal</p>

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(Report amended on 30/1/17 in order to include Sheldon Ward Proposal)