

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL LOCAL INNOVATION FUND “Doing things differently in neighbourhoods to make better places to live” WARD PROPOSAL FORM					
WARDSheldon	INNOVATION TITLE ...Sheldon Farm Community Gardening Project				
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<p>What is your innovative idea and how does it show collaborative, partnership working and active citizenship?</p> <p>The Friends of Sheldon Farm was set up in 2003 with the aim of raising funds, promoting the farm to the local area and enhancing the farm environment through regular work days on site.</p> <p>Our small allotment on site currently gets lots of attention from the public, both wanting to help and be a part of it and also interested in purchasing some of the plants and produce grown. Currently there is no opportunity for this and we feel that the Local Innovation Fund could help us turn this around, enabling the gardens to be expanded and developed, allowing the local community to be a part of it.</p> <p>The project is to provide gardening opportunities to the local community both individuals and groups. We plan to encourage people to come to the farm to regular gardening sessions and to make use of our community gardens, greenhouses and potting sheds to grow plants, vegetables and crops. These will be planted out on site, utilising flower beds on site, wildflower areas and hanging baskets, allowing people to have a sense of ownership. Longer term we hope to see different plants and produce grown with growers sharing skills and plant swapping, with open days in the different growing seasons for the sale of the surplus plants for funds for seeds and materials for the next year.</p> <p>The farm has regular groups such as Bacons End who currently help the Rangers plant out the flower beds, but who are also keen to be part of the project and take on more of the gardening within the site.</p>					

The farm has just taken on its first horticultural placement from Solihull College and we would like to be able to expand on this, taking more students and helping more people get horticultural skills.

The friends would like to be part of the local 'bloom' competition, hopefully making links with other groups such as the local church and small local businesses.

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?

Adverts will be put around the farm inviting groups and individuals to volunteer and to take 'ownership' of some part of our gardens. There will be the option to adopt a plot on site, taking ownership of that area.

Through the funding we aim to purchase all the tools and materials needed for communal space to meet and grow together.

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?

The outcomes/success will be visible by the planters and baskets on site and how well they are flourishing. One of the main outcomes we plan is that groups will become self sufficient – coming along whenever they want to tend to their plants and to meet and socialise with others. We hope that skill sharing will be a large part of the project being successful with open days to sell on spare produce.

We plan to be part of the neighbourhood bloom competition

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 will be applying for funding from Birmingham airport next April to hopefully buy soils and seeds for the following year.

What resources will be required?

	£
- Capital	7000
- Running costs	1000
- People power volunteers	

Amount required from LIF £.....8000.....

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

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)?

Friends Of Sheldon Park 17th October 2017

B26 consultation

19th September Cllr S Anderson attending meeting regarding the proposals

Discussed at

Ward meeting

Date

Signatures of all 3 Ward Councillors

Name Cllr Mike Ward Signature [Signature] Date 5 Dec 2017
 Name Cllr Sue Anderson Signature [Signature] Date 5 Dec 2017
 Name Paul Tilsley Signature [Signature] Date 5/12/2017

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Go to Cabinet Committee – Local Leadership for decision: Date

Approved

Yes	
No	