

# BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

## PUBLIC REPORT

<b>Report to:</b>	<b>Cabinet Committee – Local Leadership</b>
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>STRATEGIC DIRECTOR OF PLACE AND LEADER</b>
<b>Date of Decision:</b>	<b>June 28 2017</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>LOCAL INNOVATION FUND – Ward Innovation Proposals</b>
<b>Key Decision: No</b>	<b>Relevant Forward Plan Ref: N/A</b>
<b>If not in the Forward Plan: (please "X" box)</b>	Chief Executive approved <input type="checkbox"/> O&S Chairman approved <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Relevant Cabinet Member(s) or Relevant District Committee Chair:</b>	<b>ALL</b>
<b>Relevant O&amp;S Chairman:</b>	<b>Cllr Aikhlaq, Chair of Corporate Resources and Governance O&amp;S Committee</b>
<b>Wards affected:</b>	<b>ALL</b>

<b>1. Purpose of report:</b>
1.1 To present the submitted Ward Local Innovation Fund Proposal(s) for approval
1.2 To update Committee of the financial position on LIF at month 2 (end of May) 2017/18
1.3 To present a process for Multi-Ward Proposals for approval

<b>2. Decisions recommended:</b>
That the Cabinet Committee Local Leadership:
2.1 Approve the 29 Ward Proposals as outlined in Appendix 2 , totalling <b>£429,503</b>
2.2 Note the financial position on LIF as at the end of Month 2 (end of May) 2017/18
2.3 Approve that all ward proposals need to be approved at Cabinet Committee – Local Leadership by December 2017 but once approved allocated but unspent LIF monies will then be carried forward into 18/19 Financial Year to enable successful proposals to complete their initiatives
2.4 Approve the principle for multi-ward proposals as outlined in Appendix 3

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<p><b>3. Consultation</b></p> <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>As part of the LIF Process Ward Members should be holding local ward meetings, to engage with key local community stakeholders and residents in order to discuss and agree priorities that fit the LIF criteria and then develop ward proposals.</p>	<p><b>4. Compliance Issues:</b></p> <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 allocation 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 with £80K towards the NDSU support costs</p> <p>4.2.3 To date 40 (11 previously plus 29 today) finalised Ward Proposals has been submitted for Cabinet Committee – Local Leadership approval.</p> <p>4.2.4 At the end of Month 2 2017/18 (May), the total expenditure that has been incurred against the LIF budget for Ward Proposals totals <b>£149,707.50</b> (as shown on Voyager) . This includes £124,000 for financial year 16/17 and £25,707.50 for this financial year.</p>
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#### 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 allocation is spread over 2016/17 and 2017/18 and will cease thereafter.
- 5.2 On 20<sup>th</sup> September 2016, Cabinet Committee Local Leadership, received and approved the report entitled "Establishment of the Local Innovation Fund" which set out the criteria and 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" and a Sample Example of a Ward Proposal (distributed at the Cabinet Committee- Local Leadership in December 2016).
- 5.5 Ward Proposals for innovation are continuing to be developed across the City at ward meetings with a wide range of community stakeholders. Proposals meeting LIF criteria, supported and signed off by Ward Members will be submitted to Cabinet Committee - Local Leadership for approval. There are 29 Proposals being submitted this month as outlined in Appendices 1 and 2.
- 5.6 Cabinet Committee Local Leadership has received regular financial monitoring reports now spend has started. As of the end of Period 2 (May) there is a total spend of £149,707.50 for both financial years 16/17 and 17/18.
- 5.7 There are a number of proposals that may end up as multi-ward. In order to ensure that these are dealt with in a timely fashion and not delayed it is proposed to bring in a process

for multi-ward bids as outlined in Appendix 3. Proposals would still need to be agreed and signed off by the appropriate ward(s) councillors but it is proposed that the once the project has been agreed in principle at Cabinet Committee – Local Leadership that subsequent ward proposals for the same project may be approved by a delegated decision rather than having to be re-presented at later Cabinet Committee – Local Leadership meetings.

## **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 May 2017.

## **Signatures**

## **Date**

John Clancy  
Council Leader

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Jacqui Kennedy  
Strategic Director - Place

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## **List of Background Documents used to compile this Report:**

- Report to Cabinet Committee – Local Leadership on 20 September 2016 – “Establishment of the Local Innovation Fund”

**(All background documents and discussion papers are readily available on request)**

**Appendices**

Appendix 1 –Ward Proposals x29

Appendices 2- Proposed allocations for all Ward Proposals

Appendix 3 – Proposed Multi-ward process

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