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BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

CABINET COMMITTEE – LOCAL LEADERSHIP

WEDNESDAY, 18 OCTOBER 2017 AT 14:00 HOURS
IN COMMITTEE ROOM 6, COUNCIL HOUSE VICTORIA SQUARE,
BIRMINGHAM, B1 1BB. THIS MEETING WAS CALLED AS AN
URGENT MEETING., [VENUE ADDRESS]

A G E N D A

1 NOTICE OF RECORDING/WEBCAST

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2 APOLOGIES

To receive any apologies.

3 LOCAL INNOVATION FUND - WARD INNOVATION PROPOSALS

Report of the Corporate Director - Place and the Interim Leader

4 TAKING FORWARD LOCAL LEADERSHIP WORK PLAN

To receive a verbal report on the item.

5 OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

To consider any items of business by reason of special circumstances (to be specified) that in the opinion of the Chairman are matters of urgency.

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BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

PUBLIC REPORT

Report to: Cabinet Committee – Local Leadership
Report of: Corporate Director - Place and Interim Leader of the City Council

Date of Decision: 18 October 2017
SUBJECT: LOCAL INNOVATION FUND – WARD INNOVATION PROPOSALS

Key Decision: No
If not in the Forward Plan: N/A
(please "X" box) Chief Executive approved ☐
O&S Chair approved ☐
Relevant Cabinet Member(s) Interim Leader Cllr. Ian Ward,
Relevant O&S Chair: Cllr. Aikhlaq – Chair of Corporate Resources and Governance O & S Committee
Wards affected: ALL

1. Purpose of report:

- 1.1 To present the submitted Ward Innovation Proposals for approval
- 1.2 To update Committee of the financial position on LIF at Month 6 (September) 2017/18

2. Decision(s) recommended:

That the Cabinet Committee Local Leadership

- 1. Approve the 10 Ward LIF Proposals as outlined in Appendix 2 , totalling **£191,395**
- 2. Note the 5 multi ward LIF Proposals as outlined in Appendix 2 , totalling **£22K**
- 3. Note the financial position on LIF as at the end of Month 6 (end of September) 2017/18 as outlined in Appendix 3.

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Place Directorate

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3. Consultation

3.1 Internal

Senior Officers in the Place Directorate, Legal Services and Finance have been involved in the preparation of this report.

3.2 External

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

4. Compliance Issues:

4.1 Are the recommended decisions consistent with the Council's policies, plans and strategies? The recommendations are fully consistent with the Council's policies, plans and policies. 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".

4.2 Financial Implications

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.

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

To date 78 (63 previously plus 15 today) finalised Ward Proposals have been submitted for Cabinet Committee – Local Leadership approval totalling **£1,239,455**

At the end of Month 6 2017/18 (September), the total expenditure spend (as opposed to allocated) that has been incurred against the LIF budget for Ward Proposals totals **£357,570.50** (as shown on Voyager) .This includes £124,000 for financial year 2016/17 and £233,570.50 for this financial year 2017/18.

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 20th 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 10 new 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 6 (Sep) there is a total allocation of **£1,026,060** for both financial years 2016/17 and 2017/18. If all Proposals approved and noted today by Committee there will be an additional **£213,395** allocated.
Total £1,239,455.
- 5.7 As approved at Cabinet Committee Local Leadership – June 28th 2017 there is now a multi – ward proposal process in operation. Individual ward proposals still need to be agreed and signed off by the appropriate ward(s) councillors but once the project has been agreed in principle at Cabinet Committee – Local Leadership then subsequent ward proposals for the same project may be approved by a delegated decision rather than having to be re-presented at a later Cabinet Committee – Local Leadership meetings. To note there are 5 such multi-ward proposals to be noted for this month’s Cabinet Committee – Local Leadership
- 5.8 Also approved at Cabinet Committee – Local Leadership – June 28th 2017 was that all Ward Proposals need to have gone through the full process and submitted to Cabinet Committee – Local Leadership by the December meeting on 20/12/17.

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.

Other options for taking forward LIF were discussed but it was finally decided that it was most important that it was given a Ward focus with the emphasis on a "Better Deal for Neighbourhoods" and "Every Place Matters"

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 September 2017.

Signatures

Date

Cabinet Member

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Cllr Ian Ward – Interim Council Leader

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Chief Officer

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Jacqui Kennedy, Corporate 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)

List of Appendices accompanying this Report (if any):

1. Ward LIF Proposals x 10 for approval
2. Ward LIF Proposals and amounts for approval
3. Financial Update

Report Version

Dated

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL LOCAL INNOVATION FUND
"Doing things differently in neighbourhoods to make better places to live"
WARD PROPOSAL FORM

WARD Bournville.....

INNOVATION

TITLE Friends of Stirchley Library (FOSL):
volunteer development

Innovations have to meet the LIF priorities and add value to the City wide core priorities listed below.

(Tick all those that apply) Tick all apart from clean streets please

City Core Priorities

- **Children** - a Great City to Grow Up In ☒
- **Jobs & Skills** a great City to succeed in ☐
- **Housing** a great City to live in ☐
- **Health** a great City to lead a healthy & active life ☒

LIF Priorities

- Citizens' Independence & Well Being ☒
- New approaches to investment ☐
- Active citizens & communities stepping up ☒
- Clean streets ☐
- Improving local centres ☐

What is your innovative idea and how does it show collaborative, partnership working and active citizenship?

We are seeking LIF funding to support the development of our volunteer network, including:

- Training for volunteers as specified by Birmingham Community Libraries, likely to include health and safety, customer service, equalities, familiarisation with physical and online library resources, bid-writing skills
- Communications support to allow FOSL to reach a wider and more diverse range of local residents and community organisations
- Online library system to adopt volunteer mode
- A paid volunteer coordinator to initiate this activity and establish new systems for FOSL
- Extending the current programme of activities , to include firstly, a programme of events with a view to having a activities year-round
- A self-service kiosk for the library
- Other equipment as necessary

Friends of Stirchley Library (FOSL) has been set up by local residents who are committed to protecting Stirchley Library, by increasing its opening hours and footfall, and extending the range of community activities offered in the Library. FOSL works in partnership with the staff of Stirchley Library and Birmingham City Council (BCC) and aims to supplement, not replace, the current service provided by Birmingham Community Libraries. FOSL has grown out of a

residents' campaign prompted by BCC's Community Library Consultation which proposed closing the Library building and relocating its services. The council has revised its proposals in response to the large numbers of responses from Stirchley residents, and the Library remains open in its current building. FOSL would like to extend the opening hours of the Library by developing a sustainable network of active volunteers. We are asking our group members to take the next step by committing to volunteer regularly in the library and to complete any training required to enable them to meet this challenge.

This is the first time that a Friends Group has supported Stirchley Library and our innovation is the development of an active volunteer network. By extending the opening hours of the library and their programme of activities we will make it more accessible and attractive to local residents and create a sense of place. This is a new and innovative approach for Birmingham Community Libraries.

How will the innovation be implemented?

We would employ a volunteer coordinator to establish the volunteer network within Stirchley library. The volunteer coordinator would be hired on a freelance basis and not an employee of FOSL or Stirchley Library. The volunteer coordinator would be responsible for liaising with FOSL, library staff, volunteers and BCC, , implementing a volunteer training programme, organising rotas and overseeing the implementation of a 'volunteer mode' for the library's circulation system.

A self-service kiosk installed in the library will enable books to be issued and discharged by volunteers and the public - it will revolutionise Stirchley Library and will mean that the volunteers can help undertake tasks which support the staff, as well as improving the library services for users into the next generation. The Volunteer Coordinator will ensure that any new volunteers are given training to use the system. We would suggest a volunteer coordinator produces a 'checklist' for volunteers - and kiosk training would be part of that list.

FOSL will be able to continue when the Volunteer Coordinator's project is complete, by having established systems and processes in place that can be followed in the future. We anticipate that this will be vital learning, and we will share resources, knowledge and experience with other Friends of Libraries networks and the wider library and volunteer communities via our blog.

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?

Outcomes

- Self sustaining FOSL volunteer network
- Established systems and processes that can be self managed by FOSL volunteers
- Successful programme of events and activities
- Equipment that can be reused for future events and possibly hired out to other local organisations

Success

- Increased membership of Stirchley Library
- Increased usage of Stirchley Library
- Increased opening hours of Stirchley Library

Impact

- Statistics will be available via the library's online system to enable us to measure this data

Legacy/continuation

- We will share our knowledge and experiences of setting up a Friends group on our website so that other Friends of groups, library groups and local community groups can learn from FOSL

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 are experiencing difficulties because the building is council owned, which means there are many funding pots that we cannot apply to.

Looking into:

- Barrow Cadbury Trust
- The Carbon Trust
- Arts Council England - Grants for the Libraries
- Section106 - Tesco funding - Stirchley Town Team
- Awards for All
- Big Lottery Fund
- Potentially National Trust/Heritage England as the library is a Grade Two listed building

We plan to talk to / meet with John Ellery from local fundraising business GetGrants (see Emma Woolf LIF application) .

We have a great deal of support in-kind from FOSL members/residents such as:
 Graphic Design pro bono (value £600-1000 for logo, multiple posters and flyers)
 Printing at reduced community rate for posters and flyers (value £265)
 Social Media support pro bono (daily support on twitter / instagram to answer questions)
 Free venue hire for our monthly meetings from Stirchley Community Church
 Free publicity via online hyperlocal news blogs: Stirchley.co.uk / B14 News / B31 Voices

What resources will be required?

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18250
6750
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- Capital
- Running costs
- People power volunteers

Amount required from LIF £25,000

- Volunteer co-ordinator fee : £4,500 for 30 days work (job description to be written and confirmed)
 - *We have explained above why we feel a volunteer coordinator is vital for FOSL's development*
- Self-service kiosk : £15,000
 - *Also described above is the reasoning behind a self-service kiosk to future-proof the library service and FOSL activity*
- I-pads : £700
 - *We would require portable access to the internet within the library and also at our volunteer recruitment sessions such as at Stirchley Community Market. The library does not have access to iPads. These would be used by FOSL and the volunteer coordinator*
- Fold away chairs : £300
 - *In order for the volunteer coordinator to give training we need plenty of seating - these foldaway chairs will also be an important asset for FOSL because it means we can have bigger events within the library thus bringing more footfall to the building. This would enable us to be able to be innovative, as we can then hire*

them out thus generating income

- PA system and projector : £2000
 - *We'd like a PA system in order for us to put on training sessions and events within the library building*
- Keys : £50
 - *We need to get sets of keys for the core FOSL members in order to set up for events / training sessions when the library is not open*
- Public liability insurance : £300
- Running costs for a programme of summer events £1200
 - *speakers / performers / etc*
- Signage: £500
- Equipment insurance: £250
 - *(we do not have a quote, so this is an estimate)*
- Report / training costs: £500
 - *We will expect the volunteer coordinator to produce a report / training documentation to refer back to. We will budget for this to be produced accordingly*

Have you got any match funding – in cash or in kind? Gifts in kind for loan of venues and marketing costs? No

Contact person for proposal

NameTheresa Summerfield.....

Telephone07974987684.....

E-mailsummerfieldta@gmail.com.....

Which residents or community groups was the proposal discussed with and when (please give details of any meetings and which councillors attended)?

Tuesday 14th April, 7.30pm - Stirchley Community Market & FOSL discussion

Tuesday 18th April, 11am, Kerry Leslie meeting with Emma Woolf - Friends of Cotteridge Park

Thursday 27th April, 12noon-1pm, FOSL & Stirchley Library Staff

Saturday 29th April 11am-1pm, public FOSL meeting, councillor Mary Locke in attendance

also post-meeting discussion between FOSL Chair, Secretary & Sustainability (to be elected) officers.

Sunday 7th May 12pm-3pm, FOSL visit to Thimblemill Library

Discussed at

Ward meeting Bournville

Date 11th May 2017

Signatures of all 3 Ward Councillors

Name M A Locke Signature M A Locke Date 20/9/17
 Name Robert Sney Signature [Signature] Date 20/9/17
 Name Timothy Huxtable Signature Timothy Huxtable Date 20/9/2017

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Yes	
No	

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BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL LOCAL INNOVATION FUND "Doing things differently in neighbourhoods to make better places to live" PROPOSAL FORM													
WARD New Hall Sutton Coldfield	INNOVATION TITLE Stephens Pool- Access to Employment												
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<p>What is your innovative idea and how does it show collaborative, partnership working and active citizenship?</p> <p>The Kingstanding Regeneration Trust (KRT) is a charity established in 2007 as a volunteer led group and now employ eight members of staff and a large cohort of volunteers. Our primary aim is to reduce deprivation and poverty in the communities where we are based which are among the most deprived and marginalised in the country.</p> <p>We work with our local communities and partner organisations to design and deliver initiatives that create employment and learning opportunities for our residents and young people while improving existing and creating new green spaces for community use.</p> <p>The majority of the initiatives that we deliver support young people aged 16-24 that are not in employment, education or training. These young people have left school without qualifications and face many social and economic barriers that are impacting negatively on their personal growth and progression. Our organisation has evolved due to</p>													

the wishes and needs of our young people. It became obvious in the early days of our organisation that our young people were more inclined to utilise their skills in a physical environment rather than going down an academic route. We now have a specialist team that enables the young people to gain work experience, and vocational training leading to entry level qualifications in the world of horticulture.

In the last two years we have delivered projects to improve local green spaces at Conker Island and The Pimple, improve domestic gardens for 100 elderly residents and though we are still in the early stages of implementation we have already got three young people into full time employment via the Erdington Town Centre Local Innovation Bid and six young people now have successfully gained accredited qualifications

We have now been invited to work in the Newhall Ward of Sutton Coldfield to replicate our community activities in a disused green open space that surrounds Stephens Pool. Our project will engage the local community resulting in them becoming a constituted Friends of Organisation that takes new civic pride in their local environment ensuring that the area becomes a focal point for community activities and engagement. Our long term assistance will be to support the group and train them so they are able to identify and be successful in drawing down external funding to ensure the project is sustainable in the long term. The local adjoining school will also be a key member of the project and via the Forest Schools principals of learning we will be able to utilise the area as a mechanism for outdoor learning.

Local families are leading increasingly indoor lifestyles based around artificial stimuli that discourage developmental interaction and play. This is known as Nature Deficit Disorder (NDD), leading to volatile behaviour / increased anti-social behaviour and increased apathy, depression and anxiety.

The Early Years Foundation Stage & Ofsted have published a number of articles that argue that outdoor learning provides exciting, direct and relevant learning activities that can be achieved outside the classroom recognising that outdoor learning has equal value to indoor learning and should be utilized as a tool to develop young people. Our project will create an outdoor learning environment that will benefit our children in a number of ways:

- Supports the development of healthy and active lifestyles
- Offers children opportunities for physical freedom and movement promoting a sense of wellbeing and confidence
- Provides opportunities for developing harmonious relationships with others through negotiation taking turns and cooperation
- Supports children who learn best from physical activity or movement
- Provides safe and supervised opportunities for children to experience new challenges assess risk and develop the skills to manage difficult situations.
- Supports children developing creativity and problem solving skills
- Encourages creative thinking and inventiveness
- Gives children contact with the natural world and offers them unique experiences such as direct contact with the outdoors and the various seasons offering new tactile and visual experiences.

As part of their social investment Jaguar Land Rover will be offering an extensive team to help work on site and coordinating this offer with our own young people and our trained coordinators will oversee the work. This will be an excellent opportunity for our young people to work side by side with trained professionals in a different sector giving them life skills and building up and developing their confidence so they realise that they have a future and a genuine worth.

In order to access the site a contractor will work to clean out the pool removing overhanging branches, trees and silt. We will then carry out extensive horticultural work to ensure the area becomes a local community asset

Over a six month period we will cut back and clear overgrown parts of the park making the area accessible through our work experience programme which will provide training in grounds work and horticulture for twenty young people aged 16-24 who are not in employment, education and training.

We will also coordinate arts workshops (this will include a local woodcarver who will be demonstrating to all participants how to make bat and bird boxes and laying on more detailed wood carving sessions) and planting days to complement and enhance the local area.

We have also identified a key gap in the work market in that all manual and construction sites require a CSCS card – of which the construction industry currently has a shortage of potential trained workers (which is in effect a mini passport that provides proof for individuals they have passed all relevant health and safety training and are able to work on potentially dangerous hard hat sites). Via the project we will be able to ensure that all the young people on the project will gain the CSCS card an accredited vocational training qualification. With the card these young people will be able to access entry level jobs.

In addition KRT staff will provide training and advice to address the many barriers that prevent these young people progressing into further education, training and work. With this support we expect to achieve positive progression routes for all twenty young people working on this project.

Time Frame – is it:-

One off event/programme

Implement and complete within 6

Implement and complete within 12

x

months (2016)

months (2017)

How will the innovation be implemented?

Overall management of the project will be via a management panel that will include local councillors / residents / school and members of the KRT board.

Day to day management of the project will be via one of our senior experienced officers and a Projects Manager. Feedback and support has been offered from the local parks manager who sees the project as a good example of how local people can not only benefit from an improved green site but also utilise horticultural skills to gain long term employment.

Two senior managers will monitor delivery of the programme to ensure that we are achieving all our outputs and outcomes and are managing the budget correctly. Monthly reports and updates on project progress will be made to our board who will make recommendations on project delivery based on these reports and feedback from our user group.

Prior to commencing the project we will prepare a detailed Project Initiation Document (PID) which will set out the aims of the project and include agreed outputs and outcomes, a risk register and mitigation plan.

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?

Our project has a number of outcomes

- Provide training opportunities and progression routes into employment for a minimum of 20 young people
- Encourage social action and active citizenship by providing volunteering opportunities for our residents and enable them to take control of their green open spaces
- Enable opportunities for Forest School Learning thereby increasing educational attainment

We will also be monitoring the increased usage of the open space and will be utilising local feedback to help us shape the services of KRT as we expand across Kingstanding into new opportunities such as Sutton Coldfield done by:

- Before and After Project Perception surveys with visitors
- Monitoring public feedback, comments and opinions on our social media and on other Erdington focused social media (particularly Facebook and Twitter)
- One to one surveys
- School feedback

KRT will monitor our targets for young people NEET and resident volunteers. We expect to see positive impacts on both groups as they gain new skills and experience and get involved in community activity. These will include increased confidence and self-esteem and reduced social isolation. This will be measured through one-to-one mentoring, focus group feedback and by using the outcome star.

Via the formulation of a Friends Of we will be supporting and developing their bid writing skills to ensure the sustainability of the site

and as they become more able to stand on their own feet and they see the positive impact they are making we believe that we have better skilled local people who feel empowered to take an active role in their local community.

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

The Local Innovation Fund will be only the catalyst for finance of the project as we build up the skills of local people opportunities will arise for funding from Awards For All / SITA Fund / Peoples Postcode Lottery/Tesco Bags Of Help

What resources will be required?

£

Amount required from LIF **£48,000**

Costs include day to day supervision of trained professional Horticultural Officers

Professional contractors to open up the site and make the pool accessible

Mentoring and support officers for the young people

Initial CSCS costs

Trained Funding Officers to assist and train the Friends Of. Woodwork Craftsman to offer school and residents wood crafting sessions

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

We have in-kind support from Jaguar Land Rover that equates to several thousand pounds of equivalent funding.

Birmingham City Council Parks Department will donate time to advise us on landscaping and planting in the area.

Contact person for proposal

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E-mail Nick Schlittner <nickschlittner@kingstandingregentrust.org.uk>

Which residents or community groups was the proposal discussed with and when (please give details of any meetings and which councillors attended)?

Discussed at


Ward meeting NEW HALL WARD

Date 5/9/17

Signatures of all 3 Ward Councillors

Name DAVID BARRIE Signature  Date 5/9/17

Name KENNETH WOOD Signature  Date 5/9/17

Name ALEX YIP Signature  Date 12/9/17

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<p>What is your innovative idea and how does it show collaborative, partnership working and active citizenship?</p> <p>To create a vibrant, new Focus Group, 'Kings Norton Together' by bringing together key partners to actively address the issues of social isolation, improve social cohesion, increase Citizen participation (particularly inter-generational) with a view to positively impact Health and Well Being, Citizens 'Stepping Up' and helping Young People succeed.</p> <p>This is a new approach as it is based on a brand new Partnership between School, Library, Church, Community Centre and Police in the first phase. It aims to ask local people what they want in terms of activities, what would inspire them to take part, what would get them out of the house and into our buildings and open spaces in Kings Norton.</p> <p>It aims to showcase the fantastic activities, groups, places and events which already exist in the area but also to develop more that will attract different people and encourage isolated people to step out of their homes and join in, young people being encouraged to be involved, not forgetting to target new housing schemes in the local area and new people moving in.</p> <p>The Focus Group will aim to be a conduit for local people to share information and come forward with ideas. It will set up a means to share and market activities by newsletter, displays and Facebook for and by the people of Kings Norton. It will aim to have its own particular 'Brand' so that Kings Norton is a 'Place that Matters', a 'Better Place for All'.</p> <p>Activities that are arranged will specifically encourage Citizen's Independence and Well-Being. There will be an emphasis on 'giving back' to the area, with volunteering opportunities, developing life skills and learning involving young people and adults.</p>													

The Focus Group will meet monthly and will plan a Launch and Consultation event in July to coincide with the Festival. It will plan a Themed Winter Showcase Event that will involve Partners and Active Citizens. It will develop inter- generational activities around using computers and Digital Access with children 'teaching' elderly and vice versa. Other joint activities will be developed throughout the year, such as involving Children's Choir from the school and Adult Choir from the Church, activities in the Library for children and parents, with grandparents and carers from the School and St Nicolas Place. The Police will be involved in growing and gardening, using a patch of ground near the Church with children and volunteers after researching at the Library. It will look at the possibility of a Tea Dance , Community Launch Event to Network and share information, and getting young people involved.

Once established the Focus Group will draw in volunteers from the Community to carry it forward and sustain momentum and look for sponsors and creating the means to attract and bid for other sources of funding to support activities and marketing going forward.

By key partners being involved there will be increased awareness, we can avoid competition and better organise and plan and be creative 'Together'. We can promote each other's events and develop 'joined- up' ones.

Overall the aim is to maximise awareness throughout Kings Norton of the many activities, groups and Community venues that isolated elderly and young people can attend and take part in to increase their health and wellbeing. In addition the Focus Group will be able to bid for other sources of funding to bring into Kings Norton.

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?

- Key Partners identified and monthly meetings arranged
- 'Brand' identified and Newsletter, Notice Board and Face Book set up
- Input to Launch and Consultation Event planned
- Programme of Activities arranged throughout the year
- Winter Showcase Event planned
- Volunteers, Active Citizens and 'Friends' identified

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?

Success

- Focus Group functioning and creating new ideas and activities
- Local people having a say about what they want happening in their Community
- Face Book Group, Newsletter and Notice Board established
- Increased attendance at venues and activities throughout Kings Norton
- More awareness by everyone of what's going on in Kings Norton and what it has to offer

Impact measured

- Statistics collected to show attendance at activities, hits on Facebook, key partners involved throughout 12 months, numbers of new people taking part or becoming volunteers
- Range of ideas and feedback from local people
- Range of ages taking part and active
- Snap shot polls to gauge awareness (children involved) from start to finish

Legacy/Continuation

- New key partners and Citizens coming forward to sustain the Focus Group
- Sponsorship and alternative sources of funding identified
- Key institutions involved in long-term sustainability by increasing visits and use
- Newsletters, Notice Board and Facebook operate under own steam for the future

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

Arts Council (joint bids)

Heritage/ Lottery Fund

Sponsorship and Local Business

Foundations and Trusts that target Community Groups

What resources will be required?

	£
- Capital	26,000
- Running costs	3,000
- People power volunteers	1,000

Amount required from LIF £ 30,000

Have you got any match funding – in cash or in kind? Not at present

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)?

Ward Meeting 16/12/16

Ward Meeting 27/01/17

Ward meeting 10/03/17

Innovation Fund Meeting 12/05/17 at Kings Norton Library (attended by Cllr Jevon and Cllr Griffiths)

Meeting held on 19/05/17 at St Nicolas Place (attended by Cllr Jevon)


Discussed at


Ward meeting held at Hawkesley Community Centre

Date 24/05/17

Signatures of all 3 Ward Councillors

Name Cllr Peter Griffiths Signature  Date 20/8/17

Name SIMON JEVON Signature  Date 23/08/17

Name Cllr Valerie Seabright Signature  Date 24/08/17

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<p>What is your innovative idea and how does it show collaborative, partnership working and active citizenship?</p> <p>We are seeking £10,000 to help us pay for our 99 year lease from our landlords, the Bournville Village Trust. We have been a registered charity for more than 30 years and a site of leisure and recreation in our community for 85 years. We have 7 years remaining on our current lease and have been offered a 99 year lease for £10,000. Securing a 99 year lease would be game changing for a community association like ours. Not only would it mean that we could continue to be a centre for recreation and sport for our local community, it would also enable us to apply for further funding from providers who have the proviso of leases that are 25 years or more.</p> <p>* We are a hub for local social enterprise. We currently have 4 social entrepreneurs who trade from our facility. They all offer activities and programmes which work with young people from disadvantaged backgrounds or people with disabilities (physical and mental). Our whole ethos at Shenley Lane is utilising what we have and getting our resources used to their full capacity, and if we cannot offer a particular service, then we use our partner organisations to deliver on our behalf, using our facility.</p> <p>We are also a centre for health, wellbeing, soft skills development and much more. Organisations use our centre to provide vital services to the community of Lower Shenley and further afield.</p> <p>The principles of SLCASC embodies Blair's third way policy or the theory of communitarianism. We encourage people who we work with to solve the problem, or go get the job, or be proactive instead of waiting for the problem to be solved by someone else, or waiting for the job to come to them, or reacting as a result of a certain occurrence. We have run several</p>													

projects which continue to help develop this ethos in the young people of Shenley, be it through enterprise projects, Christmas markets or intergenerational lunch clubs.

A number of the projects we have run have been led by peer mentors who have taught their peers and a result was the YES! Café. A social enterprise created by 8 17-18 year olds at Shenley Academy. The café served snacks and refreshments to spectators of Northfield Town FC every Saturday. The skills needed to run a successful business were then taught in School time by 6th form students to students in year 10.

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?

The continuation of the existence of SLCASC will enable our ethos and approach to community development to continue.

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?

We have more than 1000 young people using us every year. The activities we organise and deliver include: various children's party we organise for the community every Easter, Halloween and Christmas, the youth football teams we have (from U7-U14), Saturday morning football for 3-6 year olds, centre for local School's cup finals. The centre is also used by local community groups or charities delivering training which includes: mental health support, healthy eating workshops, enterprise projects for ex drug&alcohol abusers, a baking social enterprise, an allotment which supports a grow your own scheme, intergeneration activities such as our OAP Christmas Party or a venue used for first aid training. We are massive and integral part of our community and have served it for more than 80years. We continue to grow year on year and the spectrum of different activities or things we offer continues to diversify.

We will monitor the impact by keeping an active records of users who visit Shenley Lane. The legacy will be achieved by the actual continuation of the facility within the community. We have helped young people achieve and exceed in their plans; whether it be working with young

people from Shenley Academy helping them learn business and enterprise skills, or giving them the sense of aspiration to apply for and actually go to university. Or with people who have suffered with some sort of addiction in life, combat that addiction and put on a Christmas market selling arts and crafts which they have designed and built.

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 are organising a crowdfunding campaign to add to the funds we hopefully will receive from this award.

What resources will be required?

	£
- Capital	x
- Running costs	
- People power volunteers	

Amount required from LIF £...10,000

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

Members of our Association will be donating as well.

We have a number of fundraising events planned to add to any funds we receive from this award.

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)?

Discussed at the meeting at Allens Cross Community Association with Cllrs Johnson and Booton present. (24/04/2017)

£5,000 awarded.

Discussed at

Ward meeting 9/9/17 ward forum

Date

Signatures of all 3 Ward Councillors

Name JULIE JOHNSON Signature [Signature] Date 9/9/17
 Name Steve Booton Signature [Signature] Date
 Name Peter Douglas Ocho Signature [Signature] Date 12.9.17

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BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL LOCAL INNOVATION FUND
"Doing things differently in neighbourhoods to make better places to live"
WARD PROPOSAL FORM

WARD: Shard End

INNOVATION

TITLE: GLEBE FARM LIBRARY: MORE THAN JUST A LIBRARY

Priorities it would meet

CCP-Jobs and Skills/Housing/Healthy and active
LIF-Citizens independence/Active Citizens and
communities stepping up
Improving local centres

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City Core Priorities

- **Children** - a Great City to Grow Up In
- **Jobs & Skills** a great City to succeed in
- **Housing** a great City to live in
- **Health** a great City to lead a healthy & active life

LIF Priorities

- Citizens' Independence & Well Being
- New approaches to investments
- Active citizens & communities stepping up
- Clean streets
- Improving local centres

What is your innovative idea and how does it show collaborative, partnership working and active citizenship?

Welcome Change CIC is a Social Enterprise with a number of projects in East Birmingham namely Shard End, Kitts Green and Lea Village. We currently run a community centre and Cafe in Shard End, Two local charity shops and a community garden on East MeadWay. In the past 12 months Welcome Change have been involved in discussions with the local community, local councillors partner voluntary and community sector organisations (Namely Spitfire/Castle Vale and Compass support-The Pioneer group) about Birmingham City Council's libraries programme and its impact on the Glebe farm Library.

Local cuts to library budgets have meant that certain local libraries are now inevitably going to be open less frequently. The Glebe library is now open 3 days a week. However, the local community in the Glebe have had the ambition for some time that the Glebe library be more than just a library. The building which was the first library built in the area after the Second World War, is currently the only building on the Glebe that has the potential to act as more of a traditional community centre. Obviously local people frequent the library to take out and return books. Currently other usage is limited to a regular coffee morning, a surgery for the local counsellors is held once a month and an IT suite exists for those needing access to computers. During consultation about the library, the Glebe community made it clear that they would like so much more from the building (See separate document) and more importantly that they want

the expended activities to be consistent and sustainable.

Not only do they want more, but it is clear, that as a community they could take real ownership and ensure some of the activities they have identified can go ahead without too much additional financial resource. Activities they identified during the consultation were as follows (A Walking club, Reading club, Youth Club, Games club, Social events, Film nights, Story telling (Children and Adults), History club, Gardening club, Knitting group, Bingo, fishing club) With activities such as these, the library could become a stronger central point of meeting and socialising for the Glebe residents and would not require a huge amount of resource to achieve. However, a willing and enthusiastic member/s of the Glebe community might be needed in order to get activities up and running (ie someone who can knit to lead a club and teach others)

The Glebe community also identified a number of other activities they would like to see happening at the library (See a,b, c, d below) The desire to get a wider range of information advice and support is something that could be built over a 12 month period. In the initial phase of set up, these additional activities would benefit from a more coordinated approach with the key support of Welcome Change CIC and the Pioneer Group. With a coordinated approach we feel that there is the potential to fulfil the "wish list" that the Glebe residents have identified but more importantly the sustained delivery of that wish list. There seems to be a genuine concern that something is often started, but not always seen through in relation to local community projects on the Glebe. The aim of this proposal is to allow the community to make sure they themselves continue something that is born out of the local innovation fund.

- a. Somewhere to meet and socialise
- b. Somewhere to get a wide range of information and advice
- c. Somewhere to access education, training and employment advice and support
- d. Somewhere to access a better stocked library and also improve use of its outside space.

Time Frame – is it:-

Implement and complete within 12 months (2017)-Launch end of October 2017

How will the innovation be implemented?

Timetable/ Implementation Plan

Month 1 (1st November 2017)

- Form small steering group to meet fortnightly initially, to drive forward action plans (Liaise with and include library staff and current users of the library)-Pay sessional payments to individuals to start clubs- (Ie FITCAP could be approached to start the walking club (3 months)
- Create programme for currently activities and those we have been able to add (Youth support/counselling/volunteer workshops)
- Draw up marketing advertising and publicity plan (Banner/Leaflets posters/ Social Media)
- Recruit additional sessional worker/s to lead on coordinating activities/surgeries etc
- Sessional worker to MAP out what other VCS/statutory agencies are commissioned or funded to deliver in the area. Ensure delivery from Glebe Library if relevant.
- Target- recruit 4 local volunteers
- Process DBS for sessional staff and volunteers
- Launch Event 30th September.

Month 2 (December 2017)

- ID local members of the community to start increasing use of the library for Social activities (Skills in fishing/knitting/interest in walking etc)
- Contact additional agencies to deliver advice and information surgeries from the library
- Build on the "programme" at the library as more activities are added. Circulate programme to the community via marketing campaign.
- Weekend events to support marketing campaign

Month 3 (January 2018)

- Hold steering group meeting and evaluate progress
- Target- 4 volunteers recruited
- Review programme with sessional workers, and Identify gaps/set action plans going forward.

Month 4 (February 2018)

- Continue marketing campaign
- Review first quarter outcomes from LIF-start looking into continuation funding for Phase 1 development. 3 years funding for 1 PT coordinator. Partnership bids.
- Christmas Event

Month 6 month progress

-Steering group meeting

- Grant funding bids submitted -WCC have already met with Reaching Communities BLF.

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 proposal supports the council strategies ***Every place Matters and Better Deal for neighbourhoods***. By ensuring there is a place for the local community to go and socialise and gain other support needed. This proposal is not just for a library 3 days a week but a thriving centre with additional resources open at least 5 days a week evenings and weekends, into the future.

Do things differently and make a better place to live

The proposal supports the delivery of certain activities from the library by the local community in the form of a team of volunteers. This particularly applies to the social activities that the Glebe residents have identified.

Citizens Independence and Wellbeing-*Glebe residents will be able to run their own activities and get involved in volunteering and have a place to go where they can access advice and information in a range of areas to include health and wellbeing advice and information and signposting.*

Active Citizenship

There will be a wealth of opportunity to volunteer at the library with support from a local VCS organisation/s and the library itself.

Clean Streets and Local Centres. The aim is to improve the use of the outside space at the library. The grounds are large but not currently used. The grounds will be used for local events and gardening activities.

Create Jobs and improve skills.*The longer term goal of this LIF project is to create additional jobs at the Glebe Library to support the community in sustaining activities there into the future. Initially we have the ambition to apply for one Part time Community organiser over three years to continue the work started by the LIF. However, in providing support with education, training and employment at the centre we also aim to support local people into employment*

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

Welcome Change CIC has a grant writing and fundraising strategy reviewed annually. The Glebe Library project is part of our strategy for 2017/18. Some of the other funders we are considering are BLF Award for ALL and Tudor Trust, Henry Smith. The strategy document is reviewed quarterly when new grants are added as they become open and available.

What resources will be required?

£

- Capital Marketing and publicity to include launch event (£1,000)
- Running costs (12 months contribution to Library running cost (£5,950)
- Sessional payment 8 hours a day 3.5 days a week (to include some evenings and weekends) over 12 months at UK living wage £8.45 per hour-(£12,303)
- People power volunteers (Out of pocket expenses £1,000)-Based on most volunteers being local and reduced travel costs.

Amount required from LIF £.....20,253.....

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

1. Carers Strategy Funding-We can currently offer a counselling service from the Glebe library for anyone living with a family member in Addiction (18,500 Carers Strategy funding)
2. YP substance misuse contract_We can offer support to young people on the Glebe affected by substance misuse or at risk whether it be their own or a family members (£30,000) ongoing in partnership with Aquarius
3. We have a number of Capital items that could be used to fundraise for the Glebe if we were to put in event in the grounds. This includes a Bouncy castle/Events tables and chairs/Soft Play/Free books donated to our Charity shops. There are a number of creative ways that we can match fund.
4. The Pioneer Group (Compass support) have recently received YIF funding to provide employment support to YP.

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)?

Discussed at

Ward meeting

Date

Signatures of all 3 Ward Councillors

Name <u>Paul Wang</u>	Signature <u>[Signature]</u>	Date <u>21-9-17</u>
Name <u>John Ottor</u>	Signature <u>[Signature]</u>	Date <u>23-9-17</u>
Name <u>MARIE BRIDLE</u>	Signature <u>[Signature]</u>	Date <u>26.9.17</u>

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<p>What is your innovative idea and how does it show collaborative, partnership working and active citizenship?</p> <p>TO DELIVER AN INTRODUCTION TO PICKLEBALL FOR THE OVER 35'S TO BE CONTINUED AND SELF FUNDED BY RESIDENCE OF THE COMMUNITY.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide 2 sports Coach, once a week for 1 hour for 38 weeks to deliver Pickleball provision for 35+ 2. The Sports Practitioners will be DBS checked and has experience in delivering Pickleball 3. There will be 3 courts marked out and the session will be 6pm-7pm 4. Delivery will have a focus on Mobility, keeping fit, healthy and active as well as sustaining mental health through social interaction with other members of the community and participation as an individual or doubles. 5. Exit route, create a weekly evening course £4 per session, once interest has been generated, to be delivered at Shenley Lane Community and sport association 							
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1. Provide 2 sports Coach, once a week for 2 hours for 38 weeks to deliver Pickleball provision for 35+
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3. There will be 3 courts marked out and the session will be 6pm-7pm
4. Registers will be taken to evidence success

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?

1. We envisage this program will create a new form of community led engagement and involvement, which will enable young people to address the challenges they face in a deprived community.
2. Delivery will be focused on mobility, strength, agility and mental health, which will improve their Balance and Coordination as well as their general well-being.
3. This provision will be inclusive for all that need it.
4. Exit route, create a weekly evening course £4 per session, once interest has been generated, to be delivered at Shenley Lane Community and sport association
5. This project will also strengthen the community by creating an opportunity to up skill residents in a new sport.
6. After discussions with members of the community they're extremely keen to continue the provision via self-funding.

Which residents or community groups was the proposal discussed with and when (please give details of any meetings and which councillors attended)?

Councillors

Community members

Teachers from schools of the area

Parents of children who attend camps hosted by FTS

Members of the committee of SLCSA

£2900 awarded

Discussed at

Ward meeting

Date

*ward forum
9/9/17*

Signatures of all 3 Ward Councillors

Name *JULIE JOHNSON* Signature *[Signature]* Date *9/9/17*

Name *Steve Booker* Signature *[Signature]* Date *11/11/17*

Name *Peter Douglas Osba* Signature *[Signature]* Date *12/9/17*

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Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
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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, through support and guidance from local councillors

Awards for all

Various pots of funding from local charities, outlets such as Greggs and Starbucks and community groups

What resources will be required?

- Capital
- Running costs
- People power volunteers

X
X
X

X 2 sessional sport practitioners @ £30 per coaches per hour

X 1 hour

total £ 2280.00

Equipment for continued, self-funded provision

X 3 Pickleball central = £300.00

X 12 Pickleball paddles = £20 per paddle £240.00

X 10 pickleball outdoor balls = £50.00

Total £ 590.00

Administration and project management £50.00

How much do you require from the LIF FUND?

£2920.00

Have you got any match funding – in cash or in kind? Yes, use of the SLCSA facility for the 1st year 2 hours @ £35 per hour = £60 x 38 weeks £2280.00

Contact person for proposal

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BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL LOCAL INNOVATION FUND "Doing things differently in neighbourhoods to make better places to live" WARD PROPOSAL FORM													
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<p>What is your innovative idea and how does it show collaborative, partnership working and active citizenship?</p> <p>We (Balsall Heath Local History Society) have just moved our Victorian/ World War Two Classroom into the Our Space, Our Place community hub in Price's Square, Northfield. We have been running our classroom for school and family groups for twelve years in the building which was Clifton Junior School, after the school moved to new premises. The building has now been closed as it is in such poor repair and so we looked for a new home for it in the city. The room was originally set up and equipped with the support of a Heritage Lottery grant. It has traditional desks with inkwells, slates, Correction Chair, sets of costumes for different periods, blackboard, and a cane. The sessions we offer include writing with a dip pen, and chanting tables, tailored to the appropriate time frame. We also offer an extended hands-on artefacts and role play session to complement a lesson in the classroom.</p> <p>The sessions are entirely run by 5 older volunteers who are committed to interpreting our heritage for new generations. In addition we have a larger group of about 10 volunteers who are also older people, and who will come to help with family open days, events etc.</p> <p>This valuable educational and community resource allows people of all ages to appreciate and understand important aspects of history through active participation.</p> <p>We need some funding to adapt the room to the new space. Our existing blackboard for example, could not move with us and has to be replaced, as well as some storage space, and chairs. We estimate this would cost approx £600.</p>													

The move to Northfield brings new opportunities for partnership working with other community groups located in the hub as well as local schools. We are now aiming to take a more innovative approach by developing access for a wider range of people. We already run regular family open days. We now also wish to develop reminiscence work with older people, using the room as a trigger for schoolday memories. So we also need some funding for further adaptation of our equipment, especially the seating. This would enable us to provide a more suitable space for use with other creative arts groups in the hub.

We also need funding to support our start in the new setting. We are going to pay £500 a quarter. A sum of £1000 would give us 6 months to build up enough custom to cover the rent on an ongoing basis.

Time Frame – is it:-

One off event/programme

Implement and complete within 6 months (2016)

Implement and complete within 12 months (2017)

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How will the innovation be implemented?

1. We aim to buy in additional pieces of equipment to supplement what we have, as soon as possible. (£600)

2. We need to produce a whole new range of publicity materials for the new venue and the new range of clientele.

3. Then we are aiming at a launch event in the Autumn, probably the beginning of October, for schools and community groups followed closely by a family event to ensure we reach as widely as possible into the community.

Publicity and launch events we estimate at costing £400

4. Alongside this we intend to have discussions with other local groups to maximise potential use of the resource

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?

Success will be measured in terms of :

- number of visits from schools with positive feedback
- number of family learning sessions achieved with good attendance and positive evaluation.
- establishment of an ongoing programme of sessions for older people.
- Increase of partnerships with other groups with qualitative results.

1. For children we expect the classroom will enrich their educational experience, giving them new insight into their heritage,. We believe this will help improve their attainment levels. We will measure success through evaluations.

Schools that have visited in the past have given us glowing reports, emphasising the value of the session for their pupils. We have a proven track record.

2. For families an important outcome will be the shared learning experience, providing an occasion for enjoying an educational session together and gaining new understanding of heritage.

3. For older people, the visits will contribute to their wellbeing.. Many older people can remember their childhood more strongly than recent events. Recalling memories has a validating effect and the classroom is a reminiscence tool which can be exploited to promote social interaction and break down barriers of loneliness.

4. In terms of partnerships, we aim to develop some interesting new collaborative projects in the future which will enable the best use of the classroom as well as the skills and contacts from other groups.

5. For Northfield, we aim to raise awareness of heritage and stimulate interest in local history and pride in their community. In Balsall Heath we believe this has had a positive impact on community cohesion and resilience and we hope to contribute to the same success in Northfield.

Legacy & continuation. The project is sustainable. We have been running it for 12 years in Balsall Heath and charging a small fee which was sufficient to cover the cost of renting space and the minor associated running costs. We run the sessions with volunteers (retired teachers) but if there were enough bookings we would consider buying in some sessional support to enable enhanced capacity. This would, however, be funded entirely from generated income.

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

The project was originally funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund. This provided the funding for equipping the room and initial publicity. Since then we have not needed to apply for additional funding. We do not anticipate further funding will be needed after we have set up in Northfield although we might seek funding for new developments in partnership with others, next year.

What resources will be required?

	£
- Capital	600
- Running costs	1400
- People power volunteers	

Amount required from LIF £...2000.....

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

Yes.

- We have the existing classroom furniture and resources;
- A large collection of artefacts relating to the Victorian and World War Two;
- A committed group of volunteers who are already well experienced in delivering educational , family learning or reminiscence sessions.
- A support group of volunteers who will help on event days for families.
- Support for publicity from NNO. (neighbourhoodnews online.org)
- A website to publicise the resource: balsallheathhistory.co.uk

Contact person for proposal

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Telephone0121 689 2584.....

E-mailvalhart1@googlemail.com.....

Which residents or community groups was the proposal discussed with and when (please give details of any meetings and which councillors attended)?

We have had discussions with the Northfield Community Partnership who have been supportive and agreed to rent us a room in the Our Space, Our Place community hub. They could see the overlap of interest with other groups, including Fourthwall Theatre Company and the Northfield Arts Forum. We have now made contact with these groups. We have also discussed the proposal with the Manager of Northfield Library and the Princes Trust.

Representatives of the Arts 50 Alive project also came to visit us in our Balsall Heath setting and made useful suggestions.

We have nominated a representative to sit on the Our Space, Our Place Management Committee which has a remit to establish shorter & longer-term priorities, goals & direction to ensure that the hub can grow organically & naturally and serve Northfield well. At the meeting on August 3rd the proposal was explained and discussed. Members of the group were encouraging and happy to support us in putting the proposal forward.

We have not attended any Weoley Ward meetings, having only just arrived in Northfield. However, several local Councillors attended the launch of Our Space, Our Place and showed interest in the classroom.

£2000 awarded

Discussed at

Ward meeting *ward forum*

Date *9/9/17*

Signatures of all 3 Ward Councillors

Name Julie Johnson Signature [Signature] Date 9/19/17
 Name Steve Boston Signature [Signature] Date 9/19/17
 Name Patricia Douglas Osborn Signature [Signature] Date 14.9.17

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<p>What is your innovative idea and how does it show collaborative, partnership working and active citizenship?</p> <p>✓ "Sporting men" is a project aimed at supporting young men to get into employment; utilising sport to arouse interest, at least at a personal level, and develop key skills that will make them job ready. The project includes two steps. The program is delivered in partnership with WEA and Sport Birmingham and is aimed at teaching men basic life and work skills. The program will utilise the many benefits that engaging with sport and physical activity brings and combine obtaining training and qualifications offered in sports coaching and an opportunity for the local community to be more active. This will enable participants to teach sport in the community and develop his inter personal skills, confidence and resilience needed to get closer to the employment market and improve the sense of community.</p> <p>In order to engage men in the first instance, a "community games event" will be organised to link and raise awareness in the local community. WEA will use the extensive experience in recruiting participants from a variety of agencies, for example, schools, voluntary organisations, churches, job centre plus and local charities. Local pubs, working men social clubs and the sport clubs in the area will be particularly targeted. Sport Birmingham who are already established in South Birmingham will also support our work in reaching out to partners and providing their expertise to set up and deliver certain aspects of the training identified as essential for the men involved. WEA staff and volunteers will further assist these efforts of reaching out to the men who will benefit most from this project.</p> <p>Four bespoke workshops delivered by WEA will run alongside sport and physical activity (30- 45 mins sessions) delivered by Sport Birmingham. The WEA courses totalling 28h are aimed at building up participants' confidence and teaching them new life and work skills, including improved decision making, confidence building, assertiveness skills and stress relief methods. The module would</p>													

ideally run 3 times a year, but can be up-scaled or down-scaled accordingly. Overall, men will not only be able to manage their personal lives better, but also to pursue avenues of employment easier.

Module 1 (28h) includes:

- 1) Building up confidence
 - Improving the health and wellbeing of learners, including self-esteem, self-belief, positive thinking, positive stress management
 - Working on problem solving and goal setting skills to move forward
- 2) Assertiveness
 - Understanding the importance of positive thinking for confident and assertive behaviour and daily life
 - Evaluating the costs and benefits of being assertive
 - Developing assertiveness skills
- 3) Mind mapping
 - Prioritising and decision making –how to cope with large amount of data
 - Using mind mapping techniques
 - Learning practical skills i.e. finding employment, running a community activities, or organising an event
- 4) Reduce stress and calm the mind
 - Relieving stress and developing neuroplasticity: through a basic understanding of breath/movement, nutritional options, the nervous system and hydration, stress and the immune system
- 5) Work skills
 - working in a team
 - IT skills
 - speaking in public

Through insight gathered in the sport and physical activity sector, Sport Birmingham have developed a behavioural framework that identifies the key skills and characteristics that are transferable into other sectors focusing on functional, personal and people skills needed to be employable. Sport Birmingham will use this to support the men in understanding themselves, their strengths and areas to improve. This sport based programme will engage and subsequently train participants to develop these core skills, which we would look to harness and develop by offering volunteering opportunities and the knowledge to set up their own activities for the benefit of the community or to direct them into an employment path. WEA runs a large health and well-being project in Dudley, with around 25 classes running at the moment in the community; course participants will have the opportunity to volunteer in this classes -to shadow and assist teachers/instructors - which will enable them to gain some practical experience. WEA also runs teaching training sessions where participants can gain an in-house qualification which allows them to teach with WEA.

In addition, throughout this project we would attract mentors from the community who can support these young men and act as role models, build their confidence in themselves and in the

system, basically delivering the message that "change is possible". In order to attract people on the workshops in the first instance we could also run a couple of "community game/multisport" sessions as mentioned earlier.

The Sport Programme would provide the following:

- 2 x welcome inductions (The Birmingham Way) = £300
- Minimum operating standards training (safeguarding / first aid) = £1400 (£70 x 20 places)
- Multi-skills Activators = £500 (20 places)
- Level 2 Award in Multi-skills (NGB equivalent) = £1800 (£180 x 10 places)
- Project coordination = £850
- Marketing = £150

Total : £5,000

The sum requested by Sport Birmingham for delivering its part of the project is £5,000. In addition, Sport Birmingham offers match funding, mainly for 14-19years old, but not restricted to this age group, for coaching and mentoring time; this totals £2,100 (84hx£25). This means that the overall cost of the project is £7,100.

The above places available included in the calculations are approximations. The minimum number of participants to run a course cost effectively is normally 8-10 attendees with maximum 20-22. The project may be looking though at smaller cohorts to start with; for this reason it was suggested to run 2 inductions to ensure that everyone joining the programme receives the same information and minimum training. 10 places were suggested for Level 2 because different participants are likely to have different interests and skills; the opportunity to do a Level 2 Award will also act as an incentive for those who are committed to move into employment. The coach provided via match funding will have a dual role, providing sport specific sessions and a wraparound support to men; the coach will be acting as a facilitator for project linked to the wider goals for each individual. This coach can run in parallel with the community mentor whose role will be to inspire participants and encourage them to stay on the course.

The innovation is about the type of course proposed – it first equips participants with the basic work and life skills to ensure they are ready to commit to a routine and combines the health and mental wellbeing being benefits associated with physical activity and sport. Our collaboration with Sport Birmingham, who already have a strong presence in South Birmingham will ease access to local networks and new partners. In addition, a number of other Weoley Ward sport and community assets will be considered:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1dCLm4m4oRUnCkmkmGLQISbXM8Zo&usp=sharing>. Sport Birmingham have worked with Weoley Hill cricket club previously and this can be a starting point in further developing relations with other community assets. WEA volunteers will also be supporting these outreach as well as events by promoting the workshops in the community.

About us:

The Workers' Educational Association (WEA), founded in 1903, is a major national provider of adult education. It offers courses to adults from all walks of life, but particularly to those facing social and economic disadvantage. Our mission is to raise educational aspirations in local communities; ensure there is always an opportunity for adults to return to learn; involve students and supporters as members to build an education movement for social purpose and inspire students, teachers and

members to become active citizens.

Sport Birmingham is a Birmingham based Charity that work to bring Sport and Physically activity to local people to improve mental and physical well-being through tailored projects, programs and training people.

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?

To implement our innovation, we will:

- WEA and Sport Birmingham will work together to provide workshops for men in Weoley ward
- We will build relationships with local organisations to deliver these workshops and to promote them in the community
- Share best practice
- Look to signpost to other services for additional support
- Ensure the workshops are evaluated effectively

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?

Outcomes:

The project contributes to citizen's independence – at a personal and professional level- through the life and work skills taught. Moreover, it supports people into employment through a health and wellbeing program.

It also encourages active citizenship by equipping communities with the necessary skills to start their own learning group through the "Learning Circles" project described below.

Sustainability:

Once the LIF runs out, there is an opportunity to add value by using Skills Funding Agency (SFA) core funded courses as a progression path. The project proposed will enable us to evaluate the project and understand men's needs and their desired progression path. The progression path can be then set up through the SFA, provided that the criterion of having a minimum of 12 participants on the course is met.

The legacy of this project could also continue through "Learning circles", a tested volunteer led project, designed as a progression from community learning courses. Students are taught the

necessary leadership and management skills that enables them to run workshops themselves. Outcomes for the community include the development of specific skills (depending on the workshops set up, for example, confidence building), as well as social interaction and integration, which so far has been the major factor in beneficiaries' delight with the model. This results in more resilient and resourceful communities that draw on shared experience and knowledge.

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

What resources will be required?

Costs for WEA workshops (28h)	
Tutors	840
Tutors' transport and expenses	420
Venue	560
Marketing	250
Volunteers' expenses	250
Administrative costs	464
Total	£2,784

Provided that we run the project 2 times, the amount required from LIF is £5,568.

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

The project will be managed and organised by core funded WEA staff.

The costs required from LIF by Sport Birmingham are £5,000.

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

£2,100 are made available by Sport Birmingham for coaching.

The overall cost for the "Sporting men" project is £10,568.

The project can be upscaled or downscaled depending on the funding made available.

Contact person for proposal

Oana Burcu – oburcu@wea.org.uk; 0121/237 8122

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(men)

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- 420
- 464

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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)?

I met Cllr Steve Booton on 20th of April 2017 to discuss the challenges faced in the Weoley Ward. He expressed a particular interest in projects that engage young males and try to move them into the employment path. As I could not be present at the ward meeting on the 24th of April, my manager Lucy Wilkins attended and liaised with a number of other organisations.

ES, 568 awarded

Discussed at

Ward meeting ... ward forum

Date ... 9/9/17

Signatures of all 3 Ward Councillors

Name JULE JOHNSON Signature [Signature] Date

Name Steve Booton Signature [Signature] Date

Name Peter Douglas O'Brien Signature Pet. Douglas O'Brien Date 12.9.17

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<p>What is your innovative idea and how does it show collaborative, partnership working and active citizenship?</p> <p>SPORTS PROVISION FOR THE WEOLEY CHILDRENS CENTRE / WEOLEY CASTLE NURSERIES.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide a sports Coach, once a week for 38 weeks in each of the facilities ran by the Weoley Castle Nursery Group (3) 2. Delivery will be focused on physical mobility/Coordination/and handling opportunities to encourage young people to be active, healthy and promote sporting activities in the area as well as up skilling the staff of each facility 3. The exit route will be referrals to Saturday Mornings -My1stFootballProgram 2-3,4-5 and Fundamental Training Program 6-7 													

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?

1. Provide a sports Coach, once a week in each of the facilities ran by the Weoley Castle Nursery Group (3).
2. The Sports Practitioner will be DBS checked, qualified (minimum Level 2) and has experience in working with children ages 2-3, 4-5 and 6-7, one of which will also be qualified in delivering Disability Sports Provision.

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?

1. We envisage this program will create a new form of community led engagement and involvement, which will enable young people to address the challenges they face in a deprived community.
2. Delivery will be focused on physical mobility/Coordination/and handling opportunities and Agility, which will improve their Balance and Coordination
3. This provision will be inclusive for all that need it.
4. This project will also strengthen the community by creating an opportunity to up skill residents/workers of the area who are working with the young people.
5. Exit route, on Saturday Mornings -My1stFootballProgram2-3,4-5 and FUNdamental Training Program 6-7 which 5 places per programme will be funded.
6. After discussions with each of the groups they're extremely keen to continue the provision using their pupil premium money.

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, through support and guidance from local councillors

Awards for all

Various pots of funding from local charities, outlets such as Greggs and Starbucks and community groups

What resources will be required?

- Capital
- Running costs
- People power volunteers

£
x
x

3 Facilities

1 session per facility per week

1 session will be 2 x 30 minute sessions to allow smaller groups and better ratios

3 x £35.00 p/h for 38 weeks = £ £3990.00

5 funded places for My1stFootball and FTP 10 places for 10 weeks = £400.00

Early years ABCs pack for supporting the continued provision = £264.00

Amount required from LIF £4654.00

Have you got any match funding – in cash or in kind? NO

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)?

ALL THE NURSERIES INVOLVED TO DISCUSS THE NEEDS OF THEIR CHILDREN
PARENTS OF THE NURSERIES
LOCAL COUNCILLORS

£465K awarded

Discussed at

Ward meeting

ward forum

Date

9/9/17

Signatures of all 3 Ward Councillors

Name *LUCIE JOHNSON* Signature *[Signature]* Date *9/9/17*
Name *Steve Borton* Signature *[Signature]* Date *11/11*
Name *Peter Dugdale* Signature *[Signature]* Date *12.9.17*

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Go to Cabinet Committee – Local Leadership for decision: Date

Approved

Yes	
No	

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL LOCAL INNOVATION FUND "Doing things differently in neighbourhoods to make better places to live" WARD PROPOSAL FORM	
WARD.....SUTTON TRINITY	INNOVATION TITLE Feeding the mind, body and spirit; an intergenerational community play-café
Innovations have to meet the LIF priorities and add value to the City wide core priorities listed below. (Tick all those that apply)	
<u>City Core Priorities</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children - a Great City to Grow Up In X • Jobs & Skills a great City to succeed in • Housing a great City to live in • Health a great City X to lead a healthy & active life 	<u>LIF Priorities</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizens' Independence & Well Being • New approaches to investment X • Active citizens & communities X stepping up • Clean streets Improving local centres X
What is your innovative idea and how does it show collaborative, partnership working and active citizenship?	
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Background	
<p>FOLIO Sutton Coldfield is a newly-formed charity (application submitted but status not yet confirmed) formed to support Sutton Coldfield Library Service by fund-raising and facilitating library events and outreach. Our aim is to play a unique and innovative role in reinventing what is offered to the community from inside the walls of Sutton Coldfield Library. Our vision it to meet with energy and ingenuity the modern day needs of our local community ensuring the library becomes a genuine local hub of activity and services. Funding from the Local Innovation Fund will be the catalyst for us to help change and shape a whole new service that will be reflective of community needs.</p> <p>In October 2016 Birmingham City Council started a public consultation on its proposed re-organisation of community libraries across the city. Under these original proposals, Sutton Coldfield Library (housed in the Red Rose Centre, Lower Parade, Sutton Coldfield) was being considered for complete closure. In response to this, an informal community campaign group (not affiliated to any political party) made up of Sutton Coldfield residents and users of Sutton Library quickly became established; The Library Lobby (http://thelibrarylobby.org.uk/) had two main aims:</p>	
<p>.to raise awareness of Birmingham City Council's proposed library cuts, with specific reference to</p>	

the proposed closure of Sutton Coldfield library; and

.to develop a constructive alternative proposal, that would keep a lively, well-resourced, widely used library in the town centre of Sutton Coldfield, including the town archive, free internet access and support for children and families, staffed by library professionals.

The Library Lobby had considerable success; it prevented the planned closure on April 1 and persuaded the City Council and Sutton Coldfield Town Council to work together to ensure the library remains open until at least August 31st 2017, thereby creating the window of time necessary to put a long term financially sustainable model in place.

Members of The Library Lobby subsequently established FOLIO Sutton Coldfield, a 'friends' group (FOLIO Sutton Coldfield stands for Friends Of Libraries In Our Sutton Coldfield;

www.facebook.com/FOLIOSuttonColdfield/) to support Sutton Coldfield library (and potentially other libraries in Sutton Coldfield in the future). Our charitable objects are:

1. The advancement of education for the public benefit and the fostering of an appreciation of literature and the arts in the area served by public libraries which are based in the constituency of Sutton Coldfield, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or politics, religious or other opinions, in particular but not exclusively by:

(a) supporting and promoting Sutton Coldfield library service and associated archives;

(b) facilitating educational, cultural and community courses and events in libraries and through library outreach;

(c) fostering links to educational, cultural and community organisations; and

(d) providing facilities in the interests of social welfare, for recreation, leisure time and occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents.

2. The pursuit or fulfilment of any other charitable purpose or goal relating to libraries, learning or the arts within the area served by public libraries which are based in the

constituency of Sutton Coldfield.

Our Proposal in Outline

In the course of consulting with Sutton residents as to what they'd like to see inside the library and as a result of listening to what we were told about what would make a positive difference to their lives in Sutton, FOLIO Sutton Coldfield have worked up a detailed plan for installing and running an intergenerational community play-café inside Sutton Coldfield library, thereby creating:-

- a new, much needed and requested family-friendly space in central Sutton Coldfield;
- an innovative and exciting community space to hold events run by FOLIO Sutton Coldfield and other community groups; and
- an ongoing, financially secure funding stream (through café revenue), which will support Sutton Coldfield library.

To deliver this plan FOLIO Sutton Coldfield are in the process of entering a Joint Venture Partnership with a local Community Interest Company which has rich experience of running play-cafés; LGF Play Cafes CIC.

FOLIO and LGF CIC share similar values and ethics, with a commitment to supporting local communities, families and young children and adding value to the community in which they work.

Playing is central to children's physical, mental, social and emotional health and well-being. Through play, children develop resilience and flexibility, contributing to physical and emotional well-being. For children themselves playing is one of the most important aspects of their lives. Play is what children and young people do. Play is a biological drive.

The Welsh Government Play Policy states *"Play is so critically important to all children in the development of their physical, social, mental, emotional and creative skills that society should seek every opportunity to support it and create an environment that fosters it. Decision making at all levels of government should include a consideration of the impact of those decisions, on children's opportunities to play"*.

LGF and FOLIO Sutton Coldfield come with a team of trained professionals including a wide bank of teachers who are able to offer their expertise and talent to ensure that the play is structured and beneficial to the children's development. With the support of this expertise, FOLIO Sutton Coldfield will offer training and volunteering opportunities through the proposed play-café for young people and adults interested in play and children's development.

We recognise that the funding cuts across Birmingham have had an adverse impact on statutory and third sector groups that focus on the initial development of children via play as a key educational and behavioural tool. Our project will help negate this issue as we build a new community based asset that will help develop our future generation of young people.

LGF and one of FOLIO Sutton Coldfield's trustees have a proven track record of setting up peer support groups for parents that act as a support and nurturing group for young parents. Through their community consultation they have seen the benefit of having a safe place for parents to go to where they can share their worries concerns and issues so that they realise they are not unique and coping mechanisms can be developed that will make the formative years of local children less demanding.

Our LiF application is to cover the core costs of the establishment of our intergenerational community play-café, and the costs of formally launching the new community space with a play and literacy themed family festival. The funding will act as seed-funding enabling us to reach a position whereby the play-café is financially self sustaining and able to facilitate community events on an ongoing basis.

Our Proposal in Detail

Play-cafés are a new and upcoming concept which is designed to attract families with young children into a welcoming environment where children are able to safely and creatively play while their parents and carers can relax, create community bonds and networks while ensuring local peer support and advice organically evolves while enjoying great food and drink.

Our community play-café will focus on the five key elements, **Eat, Drink, Play** and, crucially, **Love your Library** and **Celebrate your Community**.

Eat: The play-café will be centred on a coffee shop counter serving fresh, healthy and convenient food along with the inevitable cake counter. (we are currently in dialogue with the Kingstanding Food Community Program who run a volunteer community based cookery programme so they can be one of our preferred suppliers). There will be table service, ideal for customers with small children and a take away counter.

Drink: A key feature and differentiator of our play-café is the range and quality of drinks available for adults and children. There will be coffees made by trained baristas, a selection of high quality teas and a range of cold drinks including smoothies and milkshakes.

Play: The play-café will house a permanent soft play structure designed for 0 – 4 year olds and will be located in a position which enables parents and carers to oversee their children by accompanying them in the soft play area or from the comfort of their table.

Love your Library: In addition to the soft play area, the play-café would provide opportunities for children to be involved in craft, singing, and reading activities provided in close partnership with the library team, funded and facilitated by FOLIO Sutton Coldfield.

Celebrate your Community: Our community play-café will feature spaces for local artists and craftspeople to display and sell their work. We anticipate dedicating one wall to local art displays and the café will house at least one glass cabinet for displaying 3-D work. We have already received one

expression of interest in this from Sutton Coldfield Society of Artists and from a local photojournalist and we have started consultation with other local artists. We hope that, over time, this will become an income generation stream for FOLIO Sutton Coldfield, based on renting out the display space and/or a commission on sales. We will also install a community noticeboard for local groups and event organisers to use.

Our play-café will be professionally managed and run and will draw on LGF's knowledge and experience of their successful play-café in Lichfield. According to our business plan the community play-café will generate enough income to run all aspects of the café and pay the annual rent of the space which will house the play-café within the library.

Our Community play-café will:-

- add a much requested and valuable family friendly place in the centre of Sutton Coldfield;
- increase footfall to the library;
- provide an exciting and innovative space within which FOLIO Sutton Coldfield and other community groups can run events;
- provide a space for local artists and craftspeople to display and sell their work;
- directly generate a number of local jobs, as well as supporting local suppliers;
- play a role in the long term financial security of the library (by providing rental income); and
- potentially generate ongoing funds for FOLIO Sutton Coldfield: All surplus revenue created by the play-café (predicted to be around £5000pa) will be donated to FOLIO Sutton Coldfield.

Based on the expected level of custom that will be generated at the play-café the staffing level required will mean that between 6 and 8 people from the local community will be employed. There will be a range of full time and flexible part-time positions available. In addition to the direct employment of local residents, the play-café will enable the retention of the employment of numerous workers (council employees) in the library, by playing a key role in the overall long-term financial package to secure the library.

How Our proposal complements and enhances the library offering

Whilst our LiF proposal is primarily about supporting a vibrant, dynamic and engaged community group establish itself in Sutton Coldfield for the benefit of all residents, it is also true that in operating out of Sutton Coldfield Library our play-café will enhance the library offering.

A play-café will enable Sutton Coldfield Library to provide an innovative facility which will significantly expand the range of services which are offered. Libraries have traditionally focussed directly on the child's linguistic development, encouraging reading skills and reading experiences. Some libraries provide toys within their children's libraries, however, the introduction of a play-café recognises more visibly the role of play with children's development, while linking play with imagination, and the child's zest for reading.

We believe a play-café inside the library would meet a number of the outcomes identified in the Libraries Taskforce's 'Libraries Deliver: Ambition for Public Libraries in England 2016 to 2021', specifically:-

- healthier and happier lives;
- cultural and creative enrichment;
- helping everyone achieve their full potential; and
- increased reading and literacy.

It would also deliver against a number of the Society of Chief Librarians' Universal Offers:

- reading;
- learning;
- health;
- culture (the newest Universal Offer)

We believe that introducing soft play into the library will have a significant positive impact on library usage by families in Sutton Coldfield, facilitating reading and learning, not least by associating them with enjoyment. The community play-café also has the potential to have a positive impact on the mental health of families with young children, who can often feel isolated.

The community play-café will be a space inside the library where people of all ages can experience and try different art forms, whether that is through the programme of art, craft and story events we plan to put on, or via the exhibition space we are incorporating into our play-café. As the Society of Chief Librarians' state:

The benefits of art and culture are well documented. Almost 60% of people are more likely to report good health if they have attended a cultural place or event in the last 12 months. Libraries are often the first place that children and young people experience art and culture," and our play-café will only further facilitate this.

Case studies that show the causal connection between play libraries and increased engagement in library activities and book lending

In 2015 Knightswood Library in Glasgow invested in a soft play area inside their library. Knightswood Library has confirmed to us that the soft play "works well to attract new users, prolonging and increasing their visits and better engaging them with our book lending and other services". In addition, almost all users reported that they had seen both social and educational benefits for themselves and their children through engagement with the service. Over the 1st full year of the service they recorded a 37% increase in Junior Fiction lending and 7000 additional visits to the venue. The soft play played a very significant part in those figure increases.

FOLIO Sutton Coldfield is not the only organisation to believe that soft play can revitalise a library. In January 2017 the Arts Council announced they had awarded Eltham Library in Greenwich a grant of

£125,121 to create an indoor soft play facility built around the theme of children's literature. FOLIO Sutton Coldfield are in touch with the lead on this project in Eltham Library and are taking advice from them.

A play-café isn't just about play though - it is also about having a café in the library. During the campaign to save Sutton Coldfield library from closure, the introduction of a library café has been the most universally requested added amenity.

Libraries shaping the future: good practice toolkit, the best practice guide produced by the Leadership for Libraries Taskforce, identifies the introduction of cafés into libraries as a valuable income generation source. Members of FOLIO have, on a confidential basis, received extremely encouraging data showing the positive impact of a café on library footfall and utilisation. We are also aware of anecdotal evidence of the positive impact of café offerings within libraries as part of a modernisation programme carried out by The London Borough of Hillingdon over the last decade, and indeed at the Library of Birmingham.

All in all, we believe the community play-café has tremendous potential. Members of the target demographic (families with young children) have repeatedly reported to us the lack of any such facility within Sutton Coldfield (and indeed, a lack of family-friendly and accessible café-spaces generally in the town). Anecdotally, most parents with young children in Sutton Coldfield appear to travel to Lichfield, Tamworth or elsewhere for such facilities.

We have consulted as widely as possible in the time frame available with residents of Sutton Coldfield about our play-café proposal including via an online survey <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/J8N9C6Y> and through meetings with various key stakeholders including families attending pre-school story sessions in the library and Fiona Godwin, Children's Centre Manager for Sutton Coldfield locality.

The results of our online survey gave these results:

93.43% say they like the idea of the community play café "a lot". No respondent dislikes the idea.
 77.21% of respondents agree with the statement "It would probably entice me to visit the library more"
 11.01% of respondents agree with the statement "It might entice me to visit the library more"
 0.74% of respondents agree with the statement "It would probably stop me from visiting the library as much"

Comments include:-

"I haven't been to the library since I was a child myself. Having a play cafe there would DEFINITELY entice me to go... and I'd tell all my new mummy friends! "

"I have a 2-month old baby, live locally and would look for activities for her. I like the idea of her being familiar with her local library too. "

"If the library offered this service I would visit more than once a week. I'm keen to get my daughter to

enjoy reading and feel sad that the library (which was such a big part of my childhood) wouldn't be the same for my little one. I will definitely use this service if it was available. "

"Often spend less than 30 mins in library as youngest loses interest this would enable my little one to play whilst my eldest could read. Great idea would suit my 4 and 7 year old. "

"There are no soft play areas in Sutton town centre and this means myself and my mum friends have to travel further out to go for a coffee/teas and keep our babies amused. I would visit this at least once a week. "

"Would love somewhere safe for the children to play so I could relax with a book or chat with friends "

The Office for National Statistics estimated that there were 5,302 0-4 year olds in Sutton Coldfield in mid 2015. Currently 272 0-4 year olds are registered at Sutton Coldfield Library with an additional 491 registered at Mere Green Library, 226 at Boldmere Library and 174 at Walmley library. In total 1,163 0-4 year olds are registered library ticket holders across Sutton Coldfield. Clearly, there is considerable potential for growth in young registered library users and we will be working with the library to plan a targeted approach to encourage users of the community play-café to become registered library users.

In 2015 the then Education Minister, Nicky Morgan, announced the Government's ambition to see every 8-year-old enrolled at their local library. Our play-café will incentivise families with young children to visit the library, enabling librarians to reach out and encourage them to join, in line with the Government's stated ambition.

Whilst there are other soft-play facilities in North Birmingham, our offering will be unique:

- It will have a focus on creative play, linking with the library and education.
- It will be very local; many families will be able to walk to it, though we anticipate it attracting families from further afield too.
- It will be provided in a space which welcomes all; some relatively local soft play facilities are associated with pubs, spaces in which not all members of the community feel comfortable.

What a successful LiF bid would cover

Once the play-café is up and running it will be fully self-sustaining. However we need help to cover the core costs of establishing and launching our intergenerational community play-café. Our application covers the key elements of creating the play-café, putting into place everything needed to offer volunteering and training opportunities, and also the launch of the new community space, in particular publicity costs and a play and literacy themed family festival

facilitated by volunteers from FOLIO Sutton Coldfield which will include author visits, cross generational events designed specifically to bring older people and young children together around play and nostalgia (utilising Birmingham Museums resources on toys from the past), community building events facilitating all to play a role in creating a cardboard/lego model of what they'd like to see in their home town and a rich series of varied cultural events put on by volunteers from FOLIO Sutton Coldfield, similar to the 80th birthday celebrations for the library which we put on in March 2017.

Time Frame – is it:-

- One off event/programme
- Implement and complete within 6 months (2016)
- Implement and complete within 12 months (2017)

How will the innovation be implemented?

FOLIO Sutton Coldfield will enter into a joint venture partnership with LGF Play Cafes CIC to implement and deliver the innovation.

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?**Outcomes**

- We anticipate the introduction of a community play-café inside the library will
- play a vital role in ensuring the continued existence of Sutton Coldfield library by creating an ongoing revenue stream
 - foster the creating of a sense of community in central Sutton Coldfield, by acting as a central easily identifiable location to bring community groups together
 - enrich family life in Sutton Coldfield, including wellness and mental health of families
 - play an innovative role in revitalising the library service in Sutton Coldfield

Success: What does it look like and how will it be measured?

- Reinventing and ensuring the continued existence of the library will be our key success criteria. In doing so our library will be turned into a true local hub for community activity.
- Increased footfall (LGF in their existing establishment in Lichfield generate up to 100 visitors a day, their initial research suggest this will be exceeded in Sutton Coldfield), borrowing and membership of the library will be indicators of success; we intend to implement a programme of manually measuring library footfall before and after the installation of the play-café, and will use library data on membership and borrowing rates.
- Revenue created by play-café creates a surplus, thereby generating funds which FOLIO Sutton Coldfield can use to facilitate a wide range of library based community activities
- Paper based feedback will be facilitated in the library and play-café in the first months after opening in order to measure local opinion and refine our offering; questionnaires will be left on tables, with a feedback box provided and monitored.

Legacy/continuation and learning

- The Chair of FOLIO Sutton Coldfield has been invited to talk at the Speak Up for Libraries Conference in November 2017 to share FOLIO's learning with the broader library campaigning group

-A subsection of the play-café's website will document the play-café's story, sharing our experience and learning

-Our play-café design takes into account the possibility that in the future Sutton Coldfield library may be housed in a new location (eg should the current building be redeveloped); the assets which we plan to buy for the fit out of the play-café would be largely demountable equipment which is a) moveable and b) reusable.

-We are in dialogue with Birmingham City Council and the various Friends of Across the City as we believe that our new and unique proposal of reinventing libraries can be replicated across Birmingham.

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 are in the process of applying for grants from Awards for All and the Birmingham Airport Community Trust Fund.

What resources will be required?

	£
- Capital	10,1
- Running costs	38,00
- People power volunteers	

Amount required from LIF £...£48,000

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

We have matchfunding in kind. We anticipate the establishment of the play-café using at least 2000 volunteer hours, all of which have been fully committed to.

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)?

19 January 2017 Sutton Trinity Ward meeting
 30 May 2017 Library Lobby public meeting
 7 June 2017 Meeting with Compass Support, Falcon Lodge
 12 June 2017 FOLIO Sutton Coldfield public meeting, held at Our Place Community Hub
 14 June 2017 Sutton Locality Children's Centre Advisory Board, New Hall Children's Centre

Online public survey (opened 13 June, currently still open)

Results as of 1 July

139 respondents

When asked "What do you feel about the idea of a play-café?" 93.43% say they like the idea of the community play cafe "a lot". No respondent disliked the idea.

Reasons given when asked to explain their answer included:

Response Text

Very keen for the library to stay open. My children and husband use the library for study purposes.

I have an eighteen month old daughter and there is nowhere like this to take her in Sutton Coldfield. We use the soft play at Shenstone and Lichfield frequently and it would be so great to have somewhere to go in Sutton so I can get things I need in the centre and do something my daughter would enjoy too.

I have little children and feel the lack of play areas for them locally. It would be ideal to combine a visit to the library for books with a play area and cafe.

At present we have to travel to Lichfield or the Big Play Barn for soft play. The idea of having one so close to home in Sutton is excellent. Being in the library would be excellent as we could encourage little ones to play & then borrow books at the same time.

It would be a central location to have such a facility. There are not many things for children to do in Sutton.

I have 4 children and finding somewhere to go with them other than an expensive play centre or the shops is quite tricky at times

I believe a play cafe would entice an increased footfall through the library's doors. I for one would welcome the option of having a coffee after choosing books for myself and my daughter in a child friendly environment.

Whilst I don't use the library regularly now I did when my son was little. A play cafe sits well with the ethos of reading for all.

There is currently nowhere like this in Sutton town centre. It would be lovely to have a child friendly space where you can grab a cup of tea. Also, I think it would encourage families to use the library service more.

I would have used it when my kids were younger. The library should be a community hub.

It would be great to have somewhere to take my two year old and five year old in Sutton Coldfield town centre to play. This would make me use the library and visit the town centre more often

This would be a great local resource. There isn't another one like it.

It would be a great resource as there is no other cafe offering play for under 5's.

I have a 7 month old and I envisage using this a lot. Sutton Coldfield is missing something like this.

I have a toddler and we love getting library books. Book, food and soft play in the same building would be awesome

I would love to have a cafe in a library where I could spend time with my child, and great if it could be used for community events too

As a mother of 3 children I always felt Sutton town centre was lacking an indoor activity where mums can meet and children can play. This coupled with the fact that it would help to support our library gets my vote.

I want to take my kids (aged 2 and 3) to the library more and this would make more reason to and turn it into a day out rather than just a quick visit.

Would give me more reason to visit the library and more to entertain my little ones in Sutton.

It is exactly what Sutton needs. Provision for preschoolers not attending nursery are slant unless they go to commercial classes.

It sounds like a place you can meet with friends whilst there being something to occupy the

kids! A great combo!

I have a 16month old and feel sof play is lacking in sutton area. Would mean i would definately come into sutton centre and the library more often

It's a great way to get people to come to the library - playtime & reading go hand in hand

This is very much needed!

Great idea for Sutton. Would definitely use this facility.

Sutton Coldfield is hugely missing something like this and it will be very popular with new mums!

Nice to have space for young children to have a wonder and play as well being able to have a drink and introduce them to new stories

I take my small children to the library and would love to then be able to have a drink whilst they play. I imagine I would use it regularly

Fab idea, not enough indoor play centres in Sutton Coldfield. Combining this with a cafe for parents within the library makes it even more appealing.

Very important to provide early skills area within local community

Sutton Coldfield is missing a trick not having this available- especially as community is so important after you've had a baby for support and sanity

Would give me and my one year old daughter a reason to visit the library regularly that I used as a child and I volunteered in as a teenager

I think this is a good idea. It would reach out to parents with young kids to visit, kids can play while parents choose books. Kids would also enjoy library visits then.

I think this would be such a great idea to bring more people to the library and also help children enjoy books.

Genius.

I think it's a great idea to bring people into the library, particularly during the day time

excellent idea for the community to be together, have a drink whilst youngsters are playing and this would link the benefits of reading as a positive pastime.

I would have loved to take my children to something like this when they were younger.

Nowhere in Sutton to take small children now BHS cafe has gone. Children's Centre services have been reduced and living in Sutton without a car can be isolating.

It will bring lots of life to the library!

77.21% of respondents agreed with the statement "It would probably entice me to visit the library more"

11.01% of respondents agreed with the statement "It might entice me to visit the library more"

Discussed at

Ward Trinity meeting

Date 19th January 2017 / 2/11/17.

Signatures of all 3 Ward Councillors

Name David Balls Signature [Signature] Date 28 Sept

Name [Signature] Signature E Mackey Date 28 Sept

Name MARGARET WADDINGTON Signature [Signature] Date 28 Sept

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Received: Date

Go to Cabinet Committee – Local Leadership for decision: Date

Approved

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes
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Appendix 2 – Cabinet Committee – Local Leadership 18/10/17

Ward Local Innovation Fund Proposals for Cabinet Committee – Local Leadership Approval

- LIF 47 Bournville Ward – Friends of Stirchley Library £25K
- LIF 83 Sutton New Hall Ward – Stephens Pool £48K
- LIF 90 Kings Norton Ward – Kings Norton Together £30K
- LIF 94 Weoley Ward – 99 Years £5K
- LIF 101 Shard End Ward / Stechford and Yardley North Ward
 - Glebe Farm Library £20,253
- LIF 105 Weoley Ward – PickleBall 35 £2,920
- LIF 106 Weoley Ward – Value Our Heritage £2K
- LIF 107 Weoley Ward – WEA Sporting Men £5,568
- LIF 108 Weoley Ward – Early Years Sports Provision £4,654
- LIF 110 Sutton Trinity Ward –FOLIO Library £48K

SUB TOTAL £191,395

Multi – ward LIF proposals for noting (all originally approved 28/6/17)

- LIF 36 Additional Weoley Ward – Prices Square £4K
- LIF 38 Additional Weoley Ward – FastAid Kids - £3K
- LIF 39 Additional Kings Norton Ward -FastAid Scheme Car £7K
- LIF 40 Additional Weoley Ward – Smart Works – £5K
- LIF 61 Additional Kings Norton Ward – West Heath Hayes £3K

SUB TOTAL £22K

OVERALL TOTAL £213,395

LOCAL INNOVATION FUND - FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE MONITORING AT MONTH 6 (SEPTEMBER) 2017/18

District	Ward	A LIF Available £	B LIF Allocated £	C Expenditure 2016/17 £	D Expenditure to Date (to Period 6 2017/18) £	E (C+D) Total Expenditure Date £	D (E-B) Unspent compared to Allocation £	E (A-B) LIF Unallocated £
Yardley	Acocks Green	48,000	48,000		0	0	(48,000)	0
Ladywood	Aston	48,000	0		0	0	0	48,000
Edgbaston	Bartley Green	48,000	48,000		0	0	(48,000)	0
Selly oak	Billesley	48,000	48,000		0	0	(48,000)	0
Hodge Hill	Bordesley Green	48,000	0		0	0	0	48,000
Selly oak	Bournville	48,000	13,000			0	(13,000)	35,000
Selly oak	Brandwood	48,000	24,000		0	0	(24,000)	24,000
Edgbaston	Edgbaston	48,000	40,384		20,720	20,720	(19,664)	7,616
Erdington	Erdington	48,000	46,000	28,000	9,000	37,000	(9,000)	2,000
Hall Green	Hall Green	48,000	48,000		42,000	42,000	(6,000)	0
Perry Barr	Handsworth Wood	48,000	48,000		10,543	10,543	(37,457)	0
Edgbaston	Harborne	48,000	18,965		8,978	8,978	(9,988)	29,035
Hodge Hill	Hodge Hill	48,000	0		0	0	0	48,000
Northfield	Kings Norton	48,000	0		0	0	0	48,000
Erdington	Kingstanding	48,000	48,000	48,000	0	48,000	0	0
Ladywood	Ladywood	48,000	0		0	0	0	48,000
Northfield	Longbridge	48,000	0		0	0	0	48,000
Perry Barr	Lozells & E H/worth	48,000	48,000		9,050	9,050	(38,950)	0
Hall Green	Moseley and Kings Heath	48,000	0		0	0	0	48,000
Ladywood	Nechells	48,000	20,000		12,500	12,500	(7,500)	28,000
Northfield	Northfield	48,000	33,000		18,000	18,000	(15,000)	15,000
Perry Barr	Oscott	48,000	48,000			0	(48,000)	0
Perry Barr	Perry Barr	48,000	31,800		28,000	28,000	(3,800)	16,200
Edgbaston	Quinton	48,000	0		0	0	0	48,000
Selly oak	Selly Oak	48,000	28,000		0	0	(28,000)	20,000
Hodge Hill	Shard End	48,000	37,561		9,280	9,280	(28,281)	10,439
Yardley	Sheldon	48,000	11,850		0	0	(11,850)	36,150
Ladywood	Soho	48,000	27,000		16,500	16,500	(10,500)	21,000
Yardley	South Yardley	48,000	48,000		24,000	24,000	(24,000)	0
Hall Green	Sparkbrook	48,000	0		0	0	0	48,000
Hall Green	Springfield	48,000	28,000		0	0	(28,000)	20,000
Yardley	Stechford & Yard Nth	48,000	2,500		2,500	2,500	0	45,500
Erdington	Stockland Green	48,000	48,000		0	0	(48,000)	0
Sutton Coldfield	Sutton Four Oaks	48,000	40,000		0	0	(40,000)	8,000
Sutton Coldfield	Sutton New Hall	48,000	0		0	0	0	48,000
Sutton Coldfield	Sutton Trinity	48,000	0		0	0	0	48,000
Sutton Coldfield	Sutton Vesey	48,000	48,000		22,500	22,500	(25,500)	0
Erdington	Tyburn	48,000	48,000	48,000	0	48,000	0	0
Hodge Hill	Washwood Heath	48,000	48,000		0	0	(48,000)	0
Northfield	Weoley	48,000	0		0	0	0	48,000
	Total	1,920,000	1,026,060	124,000	233,571	357,571	(668,490)	893,940

Note - projects for approval in this report are not included in the table above

