

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL LOCAL INNOVATION FUND "Doing things differently in neighbourhoods to make better places to live" PROPOSAL FORM													
WARD: Quinton	INNOVATION TITLE: The Quinton Hub												
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<p>What is your innovative idea and how does it show collaborative, partnership working and active citizenship?</p> <p>It is proposed that a community hub and network is established so that residents can take part in activities that foster active participation and contribution in the Ward. One of the major hindrances to Quinton ward's community development is that it has no obvious centre to its community. Quinton Ward comprises many micro-communities which are widely diverse in socio-economic and cultural circumstances and has limited shared focus points; there is no single shopping centre or high street that might bring them together</p> <p>The Quinborne Centre will act as a community Hub; it is well situated at the heart of the ward with good public transport links and is within walking distance of a significant proportion of the community. The aim is to create a 'hub and wheel' network where the community can take part in a variety of meaningful and innovative social activities and events and where community links between groups can be fostered and developed. These will increase social interaction between different local people, creating stronger community cohesion.</p> <p>The establishment of a community hub is to be complemented by the establishment of a community website (including a Facebook page and possibly a Twitter account) that would keep the community informed of what is going on so that residents of all ages could be involved and participate actively in a range of continuing activities that contribute to the LIF priorities. An example of this would include promotion of health and well-being across the whole age range by activities involving walking, cycling and gardening in co-designed and developed routes and places</p>													

In order to support residents not on-line we will also have four strategically placed notice boards accessible to all community groups, associations and agencies to market and promote the activities. These will be managed locally by the Hub to ensure that updates are regular and the boards are kept well maintained.

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?

The development of a community Hub will take 15months (?) to implement and will create and operate focus groups and active residents including:

Gardening community, links to allotments and including guerrilla gardening

Parents & children, links to Children's Centres and Schools

Elderly, active citizens, links to faith and other community groups.

Development of more local residents' groups, building networks of 'neighbourly neighbours'

Litter picking/community clean-ups; networks of active citizens including regular super-local litter pickers

Continuing education, links to adult education and library especially ICT for older citizens – digital inclusion.

Walking/cycling, links to Woodgate Valley rangers

The Arts, enlisting arts groups to help develop local activities!

Tackling social isolation of the older and younger residents.

It is vital that we develop partnership working with other services and organisations and local communities to support this and that we discover what residents feel would be best for them so we might produce activities with them and share skills and knowledge so that they can achieve their aims.

From experience and previous activities, we are aware of a number of micro-communities however we are aware that there are others, not necessarily isolated but unknown to us. We know neither how many there are nor what they do. So in order to find out more we will consult with a wide range of local and city agencies to discover communities, but expect that they are likely to be associated with venues concerned with faith, leisure, retirement, sport, hobbies, education, health, etc.

Collaboration with residents in these micro-communities to identify which activities/developments they consider would not only improve their sense of well-being but also enable them to demonstrate their own sense of identity.

We will facilitate regular community workshop sessions in familiar venues which would enable residents collectively and individually to acquire skills, knowledge and experience in their chosen activities which will benefit the community.

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?

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- Experience of mobilising residents, influencing decision makers and supporting the setting-up of a community hub and website.
- Development of initial activities and groups so that they become self-sustaining.
- Development of a community hub and a community website. This will lead to the development of support groups and utilise local skills on a volunteer basis for example people to develop and maintain the website.
- Active participation of residents in activities at the community hub which will range from walking/gardening/neighbourhood groups, to parent and toddlers groups and education classes; continuing the Health and Wellbeing agenda.
- Shared knowledge and experience from people at meetings, from the contributions of participants and from continuing to progress the project.
- With regard to children and young people, it would go some way to address the currently narrowing school curriculum by providing creative learning opportunities and

- encourage them to become more involved in community events in a variety of ways
- For adults, it would go some way towards locally replacing some of the features of adult education allowing people to continue to engage in community activities building social capital in their ward, enhancing their own quality of life and well-being.

The success of the hub will produce the coming together of a closer-knitted community, growing together from residents living in Quinton. The opportunity will be given to communities to provide feedback at residents and Ward meetings so that the hub can continue to grow in the right direction.

The Promotion and marketing of the Hub is a key element to sustainability, ensuring that residents are fully aware of the activities and programmes on offer.

We will be introducing Community Notice boards, these will be located at 4 prominent areas of the ward. These will not just promote the Hub but will also give community groups an opportunity to market their activities and events as well.

- Transferrable Skills – such as socializing, confidence building, team work and future aspirations as well as citizenship.
- Public Awareness – Allowing the wider population to see its Young People being active citizens within their community.
- The legacy of the hub will continue by attracting alternative funding, e.g. Big Lottery, and the regular recruitment of volunteers to support the project
- Positive local difference made by residents through significant and productive contact with others across the whole Ward.
- Focus on people, by realising the diversity, richness and range of human assets in Quinton
- Residents crossing barriers posed by age, educational attainment, faith, ethnicity and economic circumstances
- The coming together of hitherto separate micro-communities with the potential to create a more formal community-led neighbourhood hub in the future
- A demonstration of how communities can develop active citizens to ensure that there is a legacy
- The development of a Road Rep scheme that will encourage pro - active residents to volunteer their time and feedback any issues from their Road / area to the Committee.

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. This will depend on the profile of users of the hub and website. For example, if the hub and website were used for Neighbourhood Watch training, funds would be sought from Active Citizens-West Midlands Police, Community Initiative Fund, a range of trust funds and Lottery funding.

What resources will be required?

	£
- Capital	
- Running costs	48,000
- People power volunteers	

Amount required from LIF **£48,000**

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

Contact person for proposal

Name:

Telephone:

E-mail:

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

Quinton Ward Meetings on the following Dates:

Proposals from residents meeting

- Residents were keen that the new proposals were managed separately from the already successfully running Quinborne Community Centre with a separate committee of interested parties overseeing the LIF.
- Residents felt that the development role should be separate from any other roles in the management of the Quinborne Community Centre with days/hours allocated for working on the development of the LIF initiatives.
- Residents felt that the development of a website and associated Facebook/Twitter accounts should be a priority and that there should be work undertaken to resolve issues in the ward around 'digital isolation', especially in the more senior citizens in the ward
- Residents also wished to address issues around social isolation of the young (especially teenagers).

Discussed at

Ward meeting: Thursday 21st September 2017

Ward Meeting: Wednesday 25th October – one off special LIF Discussion and approval meeting

Signatures of all 3 Ward Councillors

Name Matthew Gregson Signature [Signature] Date 25/10/17Name KATE BOOTH Signature [Signature] Date 25/10/17

Name Signature Date

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Received: Date

Go to Cabinet Committee - Local Leadership for decision Date

Approved:

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>

Val Llewellyn

Subject: FW: LIF re. Quinton Pub

Importance: High

Subject: FW: LIF re. Quinton Pub

From: John Clancy

Sent: Friday, November 03, 2017 10:52 AM

To: Andrea Foster

Subject: Re: LIF re. Quinton Pub

Yes. Of course.

Thanks,

John

On 3 Nov 2017, at 10:46, Andrea Foster <Andrea.Foster@birmingham.gov.uk> wrote:

SENT ON BEHALF OF COUNCILLOR MATTHEW GREGSON

Hello John

I write in relation to the above Local Innovation Fund application which requires your approval. (I understand an email has already been sent to you).

Could you please confirm by email if you are happy for this proposal to go ahead.

Kind regards

Cllr Matthew Gregson

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