

Local Innovation Fund – Guidance on Good Practice examples for spend

GOOD INNOVATION – WHAT WORKS AND WILL BE SUPPORTED

The LIF is about partnership working – encouraging groups to come together to test out new ways of doing things, It is about moving away from dependency and having less reliance on the City Council. It is about action.

- Development of local community planning – community audits, surveys, mapping to improve outcomes and actions, e.g. supporting community led regeneration
- Investment in community enterprise - community hubs and community networks, local markets, food assemblies and BID development
- Pop up community learning workshops ,peer to peer support initiatives, knowledge and skills exchange
- Support community ownership and management of assets such as Community Asset Transfer
- Support communities and agencies to come together to develop Neighbourhood Companies, Co-operatives or other forms of community enterprise
- Action to remove red tape e.g. local charters or break down barriers e.g. meet service provider days
- Identifying and supporting specific neighbourhoods where innovation by community groups will be encouraged
- Strengthening Communities – capacity building, peer to peer mentoring, skilling up local residents, learning
- Match funding with other appropriate local funds i.e. Police – Active Citizens and Community Safety – Mobilising Communities and cross ward proposals
- New forms of community led engagement and involvement, particularly enabling young people to address the challenges they face.
- New ways to allocate resources e.g. Real time community change, participatory budgeting, time-banking,
- Community led initiatives – support to active citizens and groups doing it for themselves e.g. Street Champions, Street Associations etc.
- Links to District Community Challenges

MAY BE WANTED AND USEFUL BUT DOES NOT MEET CRITERIA FOR LIF FUNDING

(Generally more emphasis on equipment and doing to rather than with)

- One-off equipment e.g. CCTV, Gating, Lamp posts, Hanging baskets, Christmas lights
- One –off events (unless linked to supporting new neighbourhood led networks)
- On-going costs
- Contracted Staffing
- Commissioning Reports
- Monies used to replace lost revenue budgets or core funding