

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL LOCAL INNOVATION FUND “Doing things differently in neighbourhoods to make better places to live” WARD PROPOSAL FORM	
WARDPerry Barr.....	INNOVATION TITLEPerry Wood restoration project.....
<p>Innovations have to meet the LIF priorities and add value to the City wide core priorities listed below.</p> <p>(Tick all those that apply)</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 48%;"> <p><u>City Core Priorities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children - a Great City to Grow Up In <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> • Jobs & Skills a great City to succeed in <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> • Housing a great City to live in <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> • Health a great City to lead a healthy & active life <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> </div> <div style="width: 48%;"> <p><u>LIF Priorities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizens' Independence & Well Being <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> • New approaches to investment <input type="checkbox"/> • Active citizens & communities stepping up <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> • Clean streets <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> • Improving local centres <input type="checkbox"/> </div> </div>	
<p>What is your innovative idea and how does it show collaborative, partnership working and active citizenship?</p> <p>This idea has emerged from the 3Bs Neighbourhood Forum in Perry Barr ward. The forum is seeking a pilot project to test the benefits of woodland restoration in a neighbourhood afflicted by groundwater and flooding problems. The first site of several acres between Calshot Road, The Rise and the Walsall Road has the appearance of a rubbish tip and apparently has never been cleared since the housing was put in 70 years ago. Just one tree grows on the site, which is overwhelmed by accumulated dumping. The site is a hillside site, lying under the ridge of the Walsall Road, and would have been part of the original Perry Wood that was cleared for housing in the 1930s.</p> <p>Jericho was asked to lead on the project because of our experience in engaging with vulnerable young people and in undertaking wasteland clearance. In its current condition, the site is too dangerous for a purely voluntary clear up effort and will need heavy machinery to move and process waste. Jericho will proactively engage with young people through the Job centres and our local job club, churches and community groups. Jericho social media platforms will be used to support the proposed project and help engage the local community to take part. Early discussions have taken place with such organisations as Mencap in the Birmingham area to identify opportunities for partnership working, and this project would support such activities for local community groups. To ensure local community interaction Jericho will work with the local team to promote and share best practise, skills and knowledge to support the sustainability of the work. The project will support young people to develop their confidence giving them an opportunity of a taste of learning new skills and how the area will impact on the environment. It link the youngsters to opportunities on an apprenticeship program within one of the eight social enterprises offered by Jericho. Jericho 's core team is made up of 40% people who were previously on apprenticeship and training programs and where possible we offer the opportunity of employment on a full time basis to our trainees.70% of our clients</p>	

leave to a positive outcome either employment or further training

Once the site has been cleared, made safe for public access and secured with gating (including a public access gate) there will be a community tree planting, organised, we anticipate by the Forum and by Birmingham Trees for Life. The project will allow community members to learn new skills for basic landscaping, team work to general maintains for the area. At the end of the initial project Jericho will recommend and propose a plan for general maintenance and offer technical support as the project moves forward. To ensure that the project is a catalyst for further community interaction and ownership of the potential future developments.

The Forum is seeking to identify one further micro-site where a similar approach can be adopted.

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?

There will be site clearance. Then it is anticipated there will be tree planting in the early spring.

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 at several levels:

- a) A large site plagued by dumping will be cleared and protected
- b) A new woodland will be created, improving the quality of life for local residents
- c) It will inspire further re-wooding projects in other backlands in the 3Bs Forum area, especially in the vicinity of the ancient Perry Wood;
- d) There would be eventually a reduction in groundwater problems, measured through resident surveys.
- e) The sites will be designated micro-parks in the Neighbourhood Plan and will be protected from development
- f) Work and apprenticeship opportunities for marginalised individual through Jericho's work placement schemes in their Landscaping social enterprise
- g) Use of the improved space by local residents for their enjoyment and recreation
- h) Opportunities for apprenticeships for the community.
- i) Education relating to environmental issues for the areas

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

Birmingham Trees for Life has committed itself to a woodland planting project in Perry Barr ward in memory of former lord Mayor Ray Hassall and has expressed an interest in participating;

The Forum believes it can source further trees from elsewhere including the parks department and member donations.

Several local voluntary groups, eg the Guides, have expressed an interest in participating in planting.

Capital: Your requirements + £3,000 donated trees and materials, inc materials, eg leaflets, to be donated for community engagement

Running costs: Your requirements solely

People power volunteers: £2,000

So we are expecting all matched funding to be “in kind” not in cash.

Trees for Life are fully engaged and have inspected the site. Interest from the parent organisation Birmingham Civic Society has also been created, which is interested in promoting micro-parks projects.

What resources will be required?

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- Capital	7000
- Running costs	10000
- People power volunteers	2000

Amount required from LIF £...15,000.....

Have you got any match funding – in cash or in kind? See above. Trees and volunteer labour will be provided by partners.

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)?

Jericho had a meeting on site with committee members of the 3Bs Neighbourhood Planning Forum and with Cllrs Hunt, Trench and Jan.

The proposal was presented to a meeting of members of the 3Bs in March and warmly received and details have been circulated in the organisation's Scoping document.

It was then presented to the Perry Barr ward meeting in March and gained overwhelming support.

The ward councillors have circulated the local community and received only positive responses. The Forum intends further steps to engage and involve the local community as the projects continue.

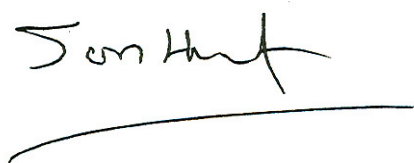
Discussed at

Ward meeting

Date

Signatures of all 3 Ward Councillors

Name: Cllr Jon Hunt - Date: 30.11.17



Name: Cllr Karen Trench - Date: 30.11.17



Name: Cllr Morriam Jan - Date 30.11.17



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Go to Cabinet Committee – Local Leadership for decision: Date

Approved

Yes	
No	