

**BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL LOCAL INNOVATION FUND**

**"Doing things differently in neighbourhoods to make better places to live"**

**PROPOSAL FORM**

<b>WARD:</b> Bartley Green	<b>INNOVATION TITLE:</b> Bartley Green Community Hub		
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**What is your innovative idea and how does it show collaborative, partnership working and active citizenship?**

Bartley Green Ward Councillors arranged a meeting with a number of partners from the ward, to look at options and ideas for the Local Innovation Funding.

After a long discussion and a number of meetings, the group decided that the best approach to achieving a positive outcome that would really impact locally would be to develop a Local Community Hub.

On further discussion the group will now look into charitable status under the Association name of Best of Bartley Green.

**Collaborative working**

The Best of Bartley Green Committee group met and discussed a variety of innovative ideas, the key innovative idea was to develop and introduce a Bartley Green Community Hub, a collaborative partnership group that would work together for and with the residents of Bartley Green.

The hub would be developed and operated from the current Bartley Green Library, and would be managed by the Best of Bartley green Community Association. The Association already working towards becoming constituted community group, set up to aid the delivery and support an inclusive and diverse range of activities that meet the needs of the local community within the Bartley Green ward.

The group would work collaboratively with agencies, community groups and the local secondary and primary schools to encourage participation.

**Group members include:**

Councillor John Lines - Bartley Green Ward Chairman

Councillor Bruce Lines

Councillor Desmond Flood

Graham Andrews – Chair of Holloway Hall and Friends of Ley Hill Park

Kerry Brewer \_ Holloway Hall and Milebrook Hall

Stuart Howe – Woodgate Valley Business Park

Ann-Marie Gilligan – Local Resident

Keith Dugmore – Edgbaston District Lead Officer

Karen Bailey – Bartley Green Place Manager

Ian Keogh – Bartley Green Leisure Centre

Darren Turner – Police Community Support Officer  
 Darren Thompson – West Midlands Fire Service Birmingham  
 Bartley Green School  
 Shenley Court Academy  
 Hillcrest School  
 King Edwards Camp Hill School  
 Newman University  
 St Michaels Primary School  
 Nonsuch Primary School  
 Woodcock Primary School  
 Woodgate Primary School  
 St Peters Primary School  
 Kitwell Primary School

The group knows and understand the key benefits and risks that collaborative working will bring to this initiative. On a project of this type we feel it is important to understand the positives and the negatives, and will work in partnership to tackle and discuss the potential risks involved in the project. Knowing and understanding what the potential risks could be, gives us the opportunity to develop a contingency plan, and develop solutions prior to them happening in the first place. We are currently developing a Risk table to look at potential risks and how they can be reduced or stopped.

#### Key Benefits of Collaborative working:

- New or improved services
- Wider geographical reach or access to new groups
- More integrated or coordinated approach to local needs
- Financial savings and better use of existing resources
- Knowledge, good practice and information sharing
- Stronger, united voice
- Better co-ordination of organisations' activities
- Mutual support between organisations

#### Risk to the project

- Outcomes do not justify the time and resources invested
- Loss of flexibility in working practices
- Complexity in decision-making and loss of autonomy
- Diverting energy and resources away from core aims
- Damage to or dilution of your brand and reputation
- Damage to organisation and waste of resources if collaboration is unsuccessful
- Lack of awareness of legal obligations
- Stakeholder confusion

### Doing things Differently

Currently we are aware that the City Council is going through unprecedented changes. The LIF funding will help us make real changes locally that will benefit the residents in the ward over a long term period. The Hub needs a building to run from and should be accessible to all groups in the Bartley Green Ward. It will be a multi-purpose Community facility that will provide a range of high quality and cost effective services to the local community, with the potential to develop new services in response to changing community needs.

With this in mind and understanding the need for Birmingham City Council to rationalise its current services offer, our aim is to support one of the key services in Bartley Green that will be affected by the Councils current reviews, the Bartley Green Library is in Tier 3 which states:

*These Libraries will be professionally supported by Birmingham City Council but led by local communities and volunteers. The Council will be looking to work in partnership with local communities or other organisations in the city to provide library services in these locations. This will include volunteers undertaking library duties in order to achieve enhanced opening hours. As part of the partnership the council will offer 15 hours of professional staff support per week. The City Council will provide access to the Library Management system, through a self-service terminal, training and support through a parent Tier 1 Library. Consideration will also be given to Community Asset Transferring the building from which the library currently operates. This option gives community organisations the opportunity to lead, manage and deliver their Library Service. Tier 3 libraries will provide the opportunity for community organisations to maintain or introduce services to meet local demand.*

- *Will provide a focus for the local community*
- *Other services as led by community needs*
- *Volunteer support to deliver the offer*
- *Social space*
- *Self-service access to borrow, return and reserve stock from the city's libraries*

The Library itself is now the oldest standing building in Bartley green, and is over 100 years old. It has been the heart of this community for all this time, and the residents and Councillors feel that resurrecting the building as a hub would ensure this would continue, and bring together local information and services around education, health, and community. And would welcome residents and users into a familiar and friendly place. This facility has and is already part of everyday life for families and their children from Bartley Green, and should continue to be that way for generations to come, the Hub will offer this opportunity.

## **Independence and well being**

The Hub will offer a wide variety of activities that will support the independence of local residents and aim for the following outcomes

- improved quality of life
- making a positive contribution – volunteering and placements for NEET young people
- Exercise of choice and control – Residents ongoing feedback on what they would like see on offer at the Hub. Changing when required aiding the needs of the community.
- freedom from discrimination or harassment
- economic well-being – support groups such as Citizens advice and Customer services centre
- personal dignity – to be able to make a difference in their community and to make a positive contribution to the hub

## **Active Citizenship – Volunteering - Children**

We also want to introduce our residents to volunteering. All generations will have an opportunity to volunteer at the Hub, which will assist them in developing a range of skills and knowledge.

Volunteering at a young age can promote healthier lifestyles, a feeling that they are a positive part of their community and discourage negative choices. We aim to work with local schools and the university to encourage volunteering at the Hub.

Volunteering at the hub will also give many residents the chance to gain experience within a public service, and will support them in gaining a number of key skills

- I.T skills
- Interpersonal skills
- Personal Confidence
- Develops personal growth and self esteem
- New friendships
- And many others

## **Programme - Jobs and skills, Housing, Health Children**

We will develop and devise a programme of activity to suit the needs of the community and local residents. We are currently talking and meeting with residents, to ascertain what they feel would be beneficial to them, and what would encourage them not just to attend, but also to be a part of the volunteering programme on offer at the hub.

A possible programme offer could look like the proposal below:

Day	All Day	AM Activity	PM Activity	Evening Activities	Garden Area
Bartley Green School Monday	Library Service	Story Telling / Local Primary schools	Health Programmes	Community group meetings	Schools gardening project
King Edwards Tuesday	Library Service	Verification / CSC	Story Telling / Local Primary schools	Community group meetings	Intergenerational environmental programmes
Hillcrest Wednesday	Library Service	Coffee and catch up mornings for the Older generation	Resident support on accessing council websites and a how to programme	Jobs Club	Active parks offer
Newman University Thursday	Library Service	Story Telling / Local Primary schools	Money matters	Community group meetings	Schools gardening project
Shenley Court Academy Friday	Library Service	Computer training	Intergenerational activity	Community group meetings	Support groups
Saturday – Optional for volunteers	Library Service				

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### Health and Well Being

- Recognising local Hero's past and present, and people who have made a difference in their community.

The group believes that recognising local people who have made a difference in their community should be applauded. And an annual recognition morning or evening would be a big part of the new hub.

The Garden area will be refurbished with recognition benches and a remembrance wall.

- Recognition Benches

Nominations would be received locally and discussed at the group meeting. Those nominees would then receive a letter of gratitude and an invitation to the event. They would then receive a certificate of gratitude and a plaque placed on the bench for all future users to see. The event would also be used as a fund raiser and all funds and proceeds would go to the support of the Hub.

- Remembrance Wall

The remembrance wall would be for those who have lost loved ones and would like to have a plaque added to the wall in memory of their lost friends or relatives.

All of these activities will encourage a feeling of community at the Hub, and offer a welcoming environment to chat and meet up, and become involved in activities that will aid and support the Health and Well Being of the resident.

### 'What's on'

The Hub will also be a place where residents can find out 'What's on'

We will have notice boards up in the Hub, where local groups and agencies can promote their programmes and activities.

We are also developing our Bartley Green Directory as part of this initiative and this will be a guide to what's on in the ward, as well as offer key contact numbers and addresses for statutory and non-statutory services.

### Themed Activities

#### Fire Service

- Fire safety advice 'clinic' ( local residents coming into the library for fire safety advice, concerns, safe and well checks and general information )
- Presentations for local groups and schools, on various themes, maybe seasonal and in conjunction with our local and national campaigns which we run throughout the year.
- Heart start training

#### City Council

- First Aid for fun
- Well Being talks
- Customer Service Centre Verification

#### Other Agencies

- Dementia support
- Age UK

- Domestic Violence

We hope to offer many other programmes that will aid and support local residents that will not only strengthen their feeling of community but assist in their overall wellbeing.

We feel that in the current climate an innovative idea such as this will not only assist in sustaining a service that could close, but also offer and make better the community of Bartley Green, by supporting its needs and encouraging positive participation by all.



**Time Frame – is it:-**

The time frame will be over a year and we hope to have implemented all activities and programmes by this time

**How will the innovation be implemented?**

The innovation will be implemented through a working group as well as the community association supporting the proposal. The association will attend a partnership meeting on a quarterly basis to feedback to partners and residents on the current outcomes and achievements of the innovative idea.

**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 show increased attendances, additional activity programmes and a range of partnership meetings and networking activities, that will support residents in knowing and understanding what is on offer locally for them to support their overall health and wellbeing.

**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 currently pursuing a range of funding sources but have already been successful in gaining support from council services who have offered their support to the community association that if we are successful then they would support funding for the much needed external disability lift that will support access for the elderly, disabled and parents with pushchairs.

This additional piece of equipment will also support and encourage further access from our local schools, who have in some instances been unable to attend due to the limited access to some of their young people have who a disability.

**What resources will be required?**

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- Capital
- Running costs £48,000
- People power volunteers 3200

Amount required from LIF £48,000

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

Funding support from property service of £25,000 and funding support from library services £7,000

**Contact person for proposal**

Name: Councillor John Lines

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)?**

LIF Community Meeting Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2016

LIF Community Meeting Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2107

LIF Application Form meeting Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Best of Bartley Green Committee Meeting Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2017

Best of Bartley Green Committee Meeting Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017

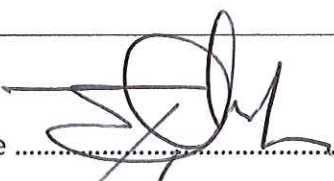


Meeting with Liz Parkes (Library Manager) Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017

**Discussed at**

Ward meeting ; Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April

Date: Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April

**Signatures of all 3 Ward Councillors**

Name <u>J.J. LINES</u>	Signature 	Date <u>27 April 17</u>
Name <u>B. LINES</u>	Signature 	Date <u>27-4-17</u>
Name <u>D. Flood</u>	Signature 	Date <u>27-04-17</u>

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Yes

No

Approved