

Dates (if known)	Department / Representation	Destination	Purpose of Visit	Type of Visit / Costings Info	Birmingham City Council Corporate Plan Priorities 2022-2026 (Proposed)
2-5 April 2023	Public Health, Partnerships, Insight and Prevention Directorate – 1 Officer seconded from the Harborne Food School in the role of Cross Cutting Theme Manager for Nutrition in the Food Trails project.	Groningen, The Netherlands	EU Funding Project: Food Trails Project Visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The Cross Cutting Theme Manager for Nutrition supports all the cities of the consortium to develop the nutrition element of the Food Trails pilots. These visits will take place over the next three years, including all cities of the consortium. These comprise: Copenhagen, Groningen, Warsaw, Bordeaux, Grenoble, Thessaloniki, Tirana, Funchal as well as Milan, Bergamo and Birmingham itself. •This visit requires Cross Cutting Theme Manager for Nutrition to visit Groningen to support the city with the nutrition element of their Food Trails pilots. •The aim of the Horizon 2020 Food Trails project is to support policy changes which will reform individual cities' food systems, including supporting cities to improve the nutrition of its citizens, reduce food miles (reduce carbon output), promote circularity such as reducing food waste, involving the citizens in new approaches. •Following the trip a report will be produced to incorporate into a final report. •Birmingham was selected to be the Nutrition Theme Lead of the successful submission (the project is called Food Trails) and is supporting 11 cities across the EU to develop their food strategies and policies. 	EU FUNDED PROJECT - All expenses paid for by project	Birmingham City Council Corporate Plan Priorities 2022-2026 (Proposed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Employment, skills and local economy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support inclusive economic growth • Tackle unemployment and skills • Attract inward investment and infrastructure Opportunities for children and young people <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tackle poverty and inequalities • Empower citizens and enable the citizen voice • Promote and champion diversity, civic pride and culture • Support and enable all children and young people to thrive Community resilience, cohesion and living standards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make the City safer • Protect and safeguard vulnerable citizens Health and Wellbeing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tackle Health Inequalities • Encourage and enable physical activity and healthy living • Champion Mental Health Climate Emergency <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue on the Route to Net Zero • City of nature
17-20 April 2023	Public Health Division, Strategy, Equalities and Partnerships Directorate - 1 Officer	Copenhagen, Denmark	European Training Event on Smart Innovation for Small-Scale Producers Accessing Markets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The training event is a two-day programme which will focus how to open up tenders for small-scale producers through smart innovations. •The training will build upon the following themes bringing together experts, procurement officers, and small-scale farmers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> oTheme 1: Procurement Law in Practice - SMEs and Smart Innovations oTheme 2: Opportunities for SMES to bid on tenders oTheme 3: Barriers for SMEs to bid on tenders oTheme 4: Contract Management of SMEs •This training event will help Birmingham tackle the Climate Emergency and our ambition of a Bold Green Birmingham, and continue on our Route to Net Zero by providing insights and learning that can be applied to the implementation of the Birmingham Food System Strategy, including making the food we procure healthier and more sustainable. 	Flights and accommodation costs funded by host partner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health and Wellbeing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tackle Health Inequalities • Encourage and enable physical activity and healthy living Climate Emergency <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue on the Route to Net Zero

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25-29 April 2023	Public Health, Partnerships, Insight and Prevention Directorate – 1 Officer seconded from the Harborne Food School in the role of Cross Cutting Theme Manager for Nutrition in the Food Trails project.	Ghent, Belgium	<p>EU Funding Project: Food Trails Project Visit</p> <p>Birmingham is one of 11 cities participating in the EU funded Horizon 2020 project https://eurocities.eu/projects/food-trails/</p> <p>Birmingham has been identified as the nutrition theme lead and will be supporting all 11 cities to implement their pilots.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •This visit is for the next meeting of the Eurocities working group focused on food systems. Eurocities is a lead partner in Food Trails. •The Cross Cutting Theme Manager for Nutrition will be expected to contribute to discussions on how local authorities can engage with industry to enhance the transition towards a climate-neutral system. •Workshops will include a focus on the protein transition including developing action plans. •The Cross Cutting Theme Manager for Nutrition will share this learning with the cities she is supporting including Birmingham. •Birmingham is also exploring ways of engaging food businesses as part of the new food strategy. •Birmingham City Councils food team are launching a pulses campaign to encourage citizens to make more sustainable food choices. Shaleen will share information about this campaign with other WG Food Members. •Following the trip a report will be produced to incorporate into a final report. 	EU FUNDED PROJECT - All expenses paid for by project	<p>Employment, skills and local economy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support inclusive economic growth • Tackle unemployment and skills • Attract inward investment and infrastructure <p>Opportunities for children and young people</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tackle poverty and inequalities • Empower citizens and enable the citizen voice •Promote and champion diversity, civic pride and culture •Support and enable all children and young people to thrive <p>Community resilience, cohesion and living standards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make the City safer • Protect and safeguard vulnerable citizens <p>Health and Wellbeing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tackle Health Inequalities • Encourage and enable physical activity and healthy living •Champion Mental Health <p>Climate Emergency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue on the Route to Net Zero • City of nature
25-29 April 2023	Commissioning, Adult, Social Care Directorate	San Francisco & San Jose, U.S.A	<p>To attend Welcoming Interactive annual conference Presented by Welcoming America in partnership with the City of San José. The Welcoming Interactive is an annual conference that highlights successful practices and inspiring stories about immigrant inclusion, programs, policies, and partnerships. From economic development to civic engagement, government leadership, and beyond, the conference features presentations and interactive sessions from a diverse range of inclusion experts. It is an opportunity to share good practices and build new partnerships.</p>	Costs of flights, accommodation and conference fees covered directly by Oxford University	<p>Opportunities for children and young people</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tackle poverty and inequalities • Empower citizens and enable the citizen voice •Promote and champion diversity, civic pride and culture •Support and enable all children and young people to thrive <p>Community resilience, cohesion and living standards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tackle homelessness <p>Health and Wellbeing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tackle Health Inequalities
8-10 May 2023	European and International Affairs, Places, Prosperity & Sustainability Directorate - 1 Officer & Public Health, Partnerships, Insight and Prevention Directorate – 2 Officers (with 1 seconded from the Harborne Food School in the role of Cross Cutting Theme Manager for Nutrition in the Food Trails project) & 1 External Officer	Milan, Italy	<p>EU Funding Project: Food Trails Project Visit</p> <p>This is an all-partner project meeting. Birmingham Project Manager was asked to present the progress of the Birmingham Living Lab (both the food waste pilot and the community garden/urban growing facility/reduced supply chain methodology). The Project Manager and Public Health colleagues will present progress on Birmingham Food System Strategy. They will also take the learning back from the focus sessions back to Birmingham. There will also be a meet the impact investor opportunity to support the challenges we are facing as a city and to see what the scope is for involving them in the pilots. Furthermore there will be discussions with the City of Warsaw to progress the planning for the food waste separation in businesses which will be useful for Birmingham in light of upcoming food waste separation legislation.</p>	EU FUNDED PROJECT - All expenses paid for by project	<p>Employment, skills and local economy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support inclusive economic growth • Tackle unemployment and skills • Attract inward investment and infrastructure <p>Opportunities for children and young people</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tackle poverty and inequalities • Empower citizens and enable the citizen voice <p>Health and Wellbeing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tackle Health Inequalities • Encourage and enable physical activity and healthy living <p>Climate Emergency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve air quality • Continue on the Route to Net Zero

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18-19 May 2023	Councillor Maureen Cornish Finance & Governance Lord Mayor Lord Mayor's Consort Lord Mayor's Office - 1 Officer	Limerick, Ireland	<p>Civic visit to Limerick, Ireland</p> <p>There are significant historical ties between Birmingham and Limerick. Both have a rich history, and there have been links between the two cities for centuries. In the 19th and early 20th centuries, there was significant migration from Limerick to Birmingham, with many Irish people seeking work and a better life in the UK. This has resulted in a strong Irish community in Birmingham that still exists today.</p> <p>The 2019 'Joining the Dots' initiative sought to strengthen the UK/Irish connections in direct response to the economic challenges which Brexit would create.</p> <p>The Mayor of Limerick undertakes bi-annual visits to Birmingham to engage with the Lord Mayor and the Birmingham Limerick Association. The value of a reciprocal civic visit to Limerick at this time is to pull together the existing various actions/initiatives and help to build on existing relationships and create a stronger, more interconnected relationship between the two regions.</p>	Estimated cost: £820.00 from LMO budget. Non-recoverable	<p>Employment, skills and local economy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support inclusive economic growth • Attract inward investment and infrastructure • Maximise the benefits of the Commonwealth Games <p>Opportunities for children and young people</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote and champion diversity, civic pride and culture • Support and enable all children and young people to thrive
19-23 May 2023	Film Birmingham, Cultural Development, BID's & Tourism Service – 1 Officer	Cannes, France	<p>To attend the Marche Du Film event</p> <p>Attending as the Head of Film Birmingham on behalf of BCC. The purpose of the visit is to promote Birmingham & West Midlands as a destination for film & television production to an international market. The Marche Du Film is an event attended by major studios, broadcasters, senior executive, producers and directors from the industry and the biggest event in the annual calendar for the industry in Europe. This international trade mission to attract inward investment into the city, create jobs and raise the city's profile a top destination for film, also trail the new Studios and Creative Hub. Film Birmingham wants to build on these successes by engaging and attracting further major productions of the city.</p>	Visit fully funded by GBSLEP grant	<p>Employment, skills and local economy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support inclusive economic growth • Attract inward investment and infrastructure • Maximise the benefits of the Commonwealth Games <p>Opportunities for children and young people</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote and champion diversity, civic pride and culture