

## CIVIC RELATED VISITS

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Councillor Mohammed Azim – Finance & Governance Lord Mayor Lady Mayoress 1 Officer	Albert, France	19-21 September 2019	<p>Civic visit to Albert, France to sign a Friendship Agreement between Birmingham and Albert and to celebrate the centenary of the special relationship between the two cities.</p> <p>During 2019 the town of Albert is staging a number of events to recognise the contribution of its 'War Godmother Towns'. Birmingham was celebrated from July to September. The Mayor of Albert invited the Lord Mayor to visit for the culmination of these celebrations, in particular a civic reception and concert on 20 September.</p> <p><b>Practical Outcomes:</b> During the visit, and with the approval of the Leader of the Council, the Lord Mayor and the Mayor of Albert signed a Friendship Agreement between the two cities in recognition of the special relationship that has existed since 1919.</p> <p>The City of Birmingham Brass Band also travelled to Albert to take part in the concert at the Jue de Paume Theatre on 20 September.</p>	<p>£716.70</p> <p>Car Hire: £257.00 Euro Tunnel: £154.00 Subsistence: £22.85 Accommodation: £282.85 (2-nights paid for by Albert Town Council, 1-night by LMO) Authorised by Cllr Brigid Jones</p>	<p><b>Outcome 4</b> - Birmingham is a great city to live in</p> <p><b>Priority 7</b> - We will work with partners to build a fair and inclusive city for all</p> <p><b>Priority 8</b> - We will enhance our status as a city of culture, sports and events.</p>

## NETWORK RELATED VISITS

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European and international Affairs, Inclusive Growth Directorate – 1 Officer	Brussels, Belgium	25-27 September 2019	<p>To attend various meetings, detailed below.</p> <p><b>Practical Outcomes:</b> This visit covered three specific aspects:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Eurocities – Attended the Officers Executive Committee meeting with planned for upcoming Politicians Exec Committee Annual Conference and AGM in November 2019.</li> <li>2. Hosted a Brussels Office Steering Group meeting with Academic Partners with a focus on securing a financial plan aimed at securing long term financial sustainability.</li> <li>3. Attended an EU Urban Agenda meeting with Eurocities and the European Commission (DG Regional and Urban Affairs) aimed at securing an enhanced role for European Cities in future Urban Funding programme.</li> </ol>	<p><b>ALL COSTS MET BY EUROPEAN FUNDING</b></p> <p>Authorised by Waheed Nazir</p>	Eurocities activities overseas all network related activities and therefore cuts across all BCC Council Plan outcomes.

**PARTNER CITIES RELATED VISITS – None**

## PROFESSIONAL, FUNDING AND SPECIFIC PROJECTS RELATED VISITS

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<p>Councillor Karen McCarthy Finance &amp; Governance</p> <p>European and international Affairs, Inclusive Growth Directorate – 1 Officer</p>	Bologna, Italy	30 June – 2 July 2019	<p><b>EU Funded project: REMIX</b></p> <p>To represent Birmingham at the Bologna Summit on Citizen Engagement organised by URBACT Secretariat as part of REMIX project.</p> <p>Attended Citizen Engagement Summit co-organised by URBACT, Cities of Service and NESTA</p> <p><b>Practical Outcomes:</b></p> <p>Cllr McCarthy took part in a political panel (with Newark US, Bologna and Barcelona) and presented our work on the Localism Agenda and the White Paper on Working Together with Birmingham Neighbourhoods.</p> <p>The Officer presented Birmingham's work on inclusive growth – specifically the USE-IT! project and REMIX project's results and exchanged learning about citizen engagement approaches and the professional development within local authorities linked to this agenda.</p> <p>Both representatives took part in learning exchanges (presentations and workshops on best citizen engagements strategies) and participated in study visits (to an arts incubator and a number of social enterprises working on community engagement).</p>	<p><b>ALL COSTS MET BY EUROPEAN FUNDING</b></p> <p>Authorised by Waheed Nazir and Cllr Ian Ward</p>	<p><b>Outcome 3</b> - Birmingham is a fulfilling city to age well in.</p> <p><b>Priority 1</b> - develop active citizens</p> <p><b>Outcome 4</b> - Birmingham is a great city to live in.</p> <p><b>Priority 6</b> - We will foster local influence and involvement to ensure that local people have a voice in how their area is run.</p> <p><b>Priority 7</b> - We will work with partners to build a fair and inclusive city for all.</p>

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<p>Councillor John Cotton – Cabinet Member Social Inclusion, Community Safety &amp; Equalities</p> <p>Partnerships, Insight and Prevention Directorate – Prevent Team – 1 Officer</p>	Strasbourg, France	7-8 July 2019	<p>Birmingham City Council had been invited to take part in a meeting of a pilot group of cities to discuss the follow-up to the conference “EU Cities against Radicalisation” that took place in February this year, and which witnessed the strong interest of several EU cities in strengthening cooperation on preventing radicalisation and violent extremism.</p> <p>Birmingham City Council will be part of a network of European Cities working together to share best practice in challenging extremism.</p> <p>This was the first meeting of the pilot group in Strasbourg.</p> <p><b>Practical Outcomes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>European Cities under the umbrella of the European Commission have come together to explore best ways to implement proposals for city twinnings, exchange programmes among representatives of local prevent authorities; peer reviews or other forms of evaluation of local prevent interventions, study visits, ad hoc deployment of experts;</li> <li>Commission and cities to explore what kind of supporting analysis or comparative overviews cities need (e.g. information sharing between relevant actors at local, regional and national level);</li> <li>Commission and cities to define coordination and cooperation with other networks and initiatives;</li> <li>Commission to explore how to ensure better information of cities about other</li> </ul>	<p>£99.70</p> <p><b>ASSOCIATED COSTS MET BY THE ORGANISERS</b></p> <p>Subsistence only: £99.70            Authorised by Jonathan Tew, Councillor Brigid Jones and Dawn Baxendale</p>	<p><b>Outcome2</b> – Birmingham is an aspirational city to grow up in.</p> <p><b>Priority 1</b> We will improve protection of vulnerable children and young people (including those with Special Educational Needs and Disability).</p> <p><b>Priority 4</b> We will improve early intervention and prevention work to secure healthy lifestyles and behaviours.</p> <p><b>Outcome 3</b> – Birmingham is a fulfilling city to age well in.</p> <p><b>Priority 1</b> We will work with our citizens to prevent social isolation, loneliness, and develop active citizenship.</p> <p>As a member of the EU Cities Pilot programme Birmingham will be enabled to share and receive best practice and take part in peer led evaluation for preventing radicalisation which is part of the cities work to protect vulnerable children and improve early intervention and prevention work.</p>

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			<p>ongoing initiatives (e.g. policy exchanges and collaboration with Member States) and how exchanges and possible recommendations under the umbrella of “EU Cities against Radicalisation” can be brought to a higher political level (e.g. bringing together MS Ministers and city representatives as well as practitioners and researchers);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commission to explore possibilities for financial support to different initiatives to be further developed under “EU Cities against Radicalisation” as well as more generally to support relevant projects in cities.</li> </ul>		
European and International Affairs, Inclusive Growth Directorate – 2 Officers	Genoa, Italy	4-6 September 2019	<p><b>EU Funded project: BETTER project.</b></p> <p>To attend the initiation meeting and inaugural meeting of the project steering group</p> <p><b>Purpose of the BETTER project:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The project aims to increase the digital capabilities of the workforce to support public sector and enable SMEs to respond to new opportunities; ensuring ready access to skilled people to capitalise on emerging innovation opportunities.</li> <li>The project aims to foster improved partnerships and cooperation involving: the private sector, including SMEs; research institutions; third sector and citizens to include frameworks to enable rapid, agile and effective innovation and support R&amp;D and proof of concept activities to de-risk investment (e.g. STEAMHouse).</li> <li>In addition, the project aims to support improved data management capabilities;</li> </ol>	<p><b>ALL COSTS MET BY EUROPEAN FUNDING</b></p> <p>Authorised by Waheed Nazir</p>	<p><b>Outcome 1</b> - Birmingham is an entrepreneurial city to learn, work and invest in.</p> <p><b>Priority 1</b> - We will create opportunities for local people to develop skills and make the best of economic growth.</p> <p><b>Priority 3</b> - We will invest in growth sectors where Birmingham has competitive strengths to diversify the economic base of the city.</p> <p><b>Priority 4</b> - We will develop transport infrastructure, keeps the city moving through walking, cycling and improved public transport.</p> <p><b>Outcome 2</b> - Birmingham is an aspirational city to grow up in.</p> <p><b>Priority 4</b> – to improve early intervention to secure healthy lifestyles will be supported by the project through new service delivery models capitalising on the use of enabling</p>

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			<p>4. New service delivery models capitalising on the use of enabling technologies and exploiting the use of data to address critical demand led challenges to make the lives of the city region better e.g. Birmingham's proposed Clean Air Zone.</p> <p><b>Practical Outcomes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This is the first meeting of the BETTER project to develop the first phase and establish the roles and responsibilities of each partner.</li> <li>BCC gave an overview of the local landscape (as described above) particularly in connection with the local challenges and how EU resources provide funding to respond to these challenges.</li> <li>There was a detailed discussion of the budget and role of the external expert and contracting process.</li> <li>Birmingham will host the second thematic event</li> <li>Discussion of the action plan for Birmingham</li> <li>Agreement on next steps including comms activity to be undertaken by BCC.</li> </ul>		<p>technologies and exploiting the use of data to address critical demand led challenges to make the lives of the city region better e.g. Health: tackling obesity.</p> <p><b>Priority 3</b> - We will invest in growth sectors where Birmingham has competitive strengths to diversify the economic base of the city.</p>
<p>Councillor Karen McCarthy Finance &amp; Governance</p> <p>European and international Affairs, Inclusive Growth Directorate – 1 Officer</p>	Lodz, Poland	<p>17-19 September 2019</p> <p>17-21 September 2019</p>	<p><b>EU Funded project: REMIX</b></p> <p>To represent Birmingham at the Bologna Summit on Citizen Engagement organised by URBACT Secretariat as part of REMIX project.</p> <p>Attended Transnational Network Meeting, contractual obligation of the funder (URBACT Programme)</p> <p><b>Practical Outcomes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cllr McCarthy presented Birmingham's progress on the Localism Agenda including the planned launch of the White Paper on Working Together with Birmingham Neighbourhoods and the on-going work with Pioneering Wards</li> </ul>	<p><b>ALL COSTS MET BY EUROPEAN FUNDING</b></p> <p>Authorised by Waheed Nazir and Cllr Ian Ward</p>	<p><b>Outcome 3</b> - Birmingham is a fulfilling city to age well in.</p> <p><b>Priority 1</b> - develop active citizens</p> <p><b>Outcome 4</b> - Birmingham is a great city to live in .</p> <p><b>Priority 6</b> - We will foster local influence and involvement to ensure that local people have a voice in how their area is run.</p> <p><b>Priority 7</b> - We will work with partners to build a fair and inclusive city for all.</p>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Officer presented Birmingham's practical work on inclusive growth – specifically the work undertaken by the local stakeholder group (REMIX project's results)</li> <li>Both delegates took part in a tour of regenerated part of the city of Lodz and got insight into the city plans</li> <li>Both delegates visited a multigenerational house – social experiment in the city centre of Lodz.</li> </ul>		

**Total Cost of visits = £816.40**  
**No of visits by Members = 4**  
**No of visits by Officers = 6**  
**No of visits at No Cost to the City = 4**  
**Total cost of visits undertaken between**

**Current financial year 2019/2020**

<b>Date</b>	<b>No of visits</b>	<b>Cost</b>
1 April 2019 – 30 June 2019	12	£8,736.64
1 July 2019 – 30 September 2019	6	£816.40
<b>Totals</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>£9,553.04</b>

**Visits summary 2018/2019**

<b>Date</b>	<b>No of visits</b>	<b>Cost</b>
1 April 2018 – 30 June 2018 (*figure includes £49,022.05 for Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games in Australia)	23	*£60,188.86
1 July 2018 – 30 September 2018	12	£13,879.46
1 October – 31 December 2018	13	£2,374.68
1 January 2019 – 31 March 2019	11	£2,356.58
<b>Totals</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>£78,799.58</b>



**Costings Info for the previous period, 2014-2018:**

**Visits summary 2017/2018**

<b>Date</b>	<b>No of visits</b>	<b>Cost</b>
1 April 2017 – 30 June 2017	17	£13,788
1 July 2017 – 30 September 2017	8	£2,634
1 October – 31 December 2017	21	£7,026.18
1 January 2018 – 31 March 2018	17	£3,956.01
<b>Totals</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>£27,404.19</b>

**Visits summary 2016/2017**

<b>Date</b>	<b>No of visits</b>	<b>Cost</b>
1 April 2016 – 30 June 2016	25	£16,989
1 July – 30 September 2016	12	£5,133
1 October – 31 December 2016	36	£9,112
1 January 2017 – 31 March 2017	24	£14,839
<b>Totals</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>£46,073</b>

**Visits summary 2015/2016**

<b>Date</b>	<b>No of visits</b>	<b>Cost</b>
1 April 2015 to 30 June 2015	36	£8,648
1 July – 30 September 2015	32	£18,740
1 October – 31 December 2015	42	£15,910
1 January 2016 - 31 March 2016	25	£16,687
<b>Totals</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>£59,985</b>

**Visits summary 2014/2015**

<b>Date</b>	<b>No of visits</b>	<b>Cost</b>
1 April 2014 to 30 June 2014	28	£21,966
1 July – 30 September 2014	16	£7,833
1 October – 31 December 2014	39	£14,659
1 January 2015 to 31 March 2015	21	£9,540
<b>Totals</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>£53,998</b>