## **CIVIC RELATED VISITS - None**

## **NETWORK RELATED VISITS**

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European and international Affairs, Inclusive Growth Directorate – 1 Officer	Brussels, Belgium	4-6 February 2019	To attend Eurocities Executive Committee (officers)  Practical Outcomes: This visit enabled the relevant officer input and preparation to the political Eurocities Executive Committee meeting and Mayors Summit was taking place the following month in Brussels. Theses officer meetings prepare the agenda, background papers and agree the content for the workshop discussions and political debates.	£563.59 Flight: £263.12 Subsistence: £27.42 Accommodation: £273.05 Authorised by Waheed Nazir	Eurocities ExCom overseas all network related activities and therefore cuts across all BCC Council Plan outcomes.
Cllr Brigid Jones European and international Affairs, Inclusive Growth Directorate – 1 Officer	Brussels, Belgium	20-21 March 2019	To attend the Eurocities Executive Committee meeting and 2nd Mayors Summit where it launched its Political Manifesto aimed at bringing a gap between Europe and its citizens.  Practical Outcomes: The Deputy Leader contributed to the Core ExCom business agenda, attended the Political Forum on Women and City Leadership and made a personal address to the Mayors Summit.	£1,292.10 Flight: £821.24 Subsistence: £68.18 Accommodation: £402.68 Authorised by Dawn Baxendale and Cllr Ian Ward	Eurocities ExCom 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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European and International Affairs, Inclusive Growth Directorate – 1 Officer	Lodz, Poland	20-23 January 2019	EU Funded project: REMIX  To attend a Project Steering Group meeting  Practical Outcomes:  • Attended budget management meeting and finalised the local Action Plan that was then approved by the project lead.  • In addition to this, the meeting specifically looked at:  • successful planning practices that allow for co-designing solutions with residents - interactive consultations and efficient communication.  Looked at examples from Bologna and discussed its applicability for Birmingham;  • Discussed public-private partnerships in the context of large city-led development projects and mapped out the balance of	ALL COSTS MET BY EUROPEAN FUNDING Authorised by Richard Cowell	Outcome 1 - Birmingham is an entrepreneurial city to learn, work and invest in.  Priority 1 - We will create opportunities for local people to develop skills and make the best of economic growth.  Outcome 3 - Birmingham is a fulfilling city to age well in.  Priority 1 - develop active citizens  Outcome 4 - Birmingham is a great city to live in  Priority 6 - We will foster local influence  Priority 7 - We will work with partners to build a fair and inclusive city for all
Information Technology & Digital Services, Digital and Customer Services Directorate – 1 Officer	Brussels, Belgium	29-30 January 2019	risks and benefits for local authorities  EU Funded project: City4Age  To attend the end of project EU final review to report back on the project outcomes and validation and success of the Birmingham pilot.  Practical Outcomes:  Representatives from each of the project partners attended the final review of the project and Birmingham presented its key achievements and learning across the project phases.  A total of 61 participants were initially	ALL COSTS MET BY EUROPEAN FUNDING Authorised by Paula Buckley	Outcome 3 - Birmingham is a fulfilling city to age well in  Priority 1 - Preventing social isolation, loneliness and developing active citizenship  Priority 2 - Improving care for older people  Priority 3 - Citizens and communities will

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			recruited with a final number of 35 active Care Receivers (CRs); a retention rate of 57% over the life of the project. The Yardley study had significantly higher percentage of CR's living alone (71% to 11% in Sutton Coldfield) which is recognised as an attributable risk factor of frailty and characteristic with an area of high deprivation  • The pilot indicated that in the more affluent area of Sutton Coldfield the participants in general had higher education levels, higher engagement and predisposition to managing own care to realise benefits. They tended to be more proactive about behaviour change to aid their health & wellbeing and deter prefrailty and were aware of the benefits and impacts of a healthy lifestyle. The converse was found in the more deprived area of Yardley where participants had more complex medical needs, less awareness of the benefits and impacts and typically lower activity levels.  • Over 60 geriatric assessments and annotations, led by University Hospitals Birmingham, were completed on the dashboard and validated the data on physical activity, walking and sleep with additional profile summary data to provide context to support the geriatric assessments;. These assessments were recognised as good early indicators of frailty risk. BCC developed the local system architecture for secure collection of data from wearables, sensors and citizens to a local repository and created an API, which has the potential to be reutilised to support data sharing in other applications and scenarios.  This work has helped to address services to prevent social isolation and improve care for older people and supports modernisation of Adult Social Care Services to improve the health and wellbeing of adults and older people by promoting independence and facilitating better self-		have improved resilience and independence
			management through personal data sharing. The		

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			ability to embrace and implement data and new technologies will be fundamental to the future of public services. It is this blended approach combining human intervention with technology that offers significant opportunities to deliver tailored and personalised health and care in the most efficient and effective way. Feedback from the Care Receivers highlighted the value they placed in the future use of city4age as a service and the benefit it offers in helping them stay independent.		
Policy & Programmes, Inclusive Growth Directorate – 1 Officer	Lille, France	21 February 2019	Existing EU Funding Project: TRIS Project.  To attend TRIS European project mid-term review of Phase 1 meeting.  The visit to Lille is at the request of the funding body Interreg Joint Secretariat. This visit is a midterm review of Phase 1. The meeting analysed the performance of the project before phase 1 is finalised (e.g. in terms of results and budget spending) and discussed the expected achievements for phase 2. The main duty as Lead Partner will be to complete a report and submit this prior to the meeting in Lille, and then present the findings to the Interreg Joint Secretariat.  Practical Outcomes:  The meeting was critical in ascertaining the current state of play with regards to compliance and meeting required targets and milestones.  • Meeting focussed on Semester 5 claim and in particular finances in terms of underspend by project overall – the funding body is likely to clawback underspend for Phase 1 following Semester 6 claim  • They rejected a proposal for project to use underspend towards a Pilot Action There was also feedback provided on the current Action Plans – it was recommended that these will require redrafting and resubmitting again.  Approval of draft action plans is required to allow project to move forward into Phase 2. Officers will be taking these recommendations forward.	ALL COSTS MET BY EUROPEAN FUNDING Authorised by Waheed Nazir	Outcome 1 Birmingham is an entrepreneurial city to learn, work and invest in.  Priority 1 We will create opportunities for local people to develop skills and make the best of economic growth.  Outcome 4 Birmingham is a great city to live in  Priority 4 We will improve the environment and tackle air pollution

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Policy & Programmes, Inclusive Growth Directorate – 1 Officer	Bolzano, Italy	4-6 March 2019	JIVE – The Council are a key partner within the European funded FCHJU (Joint Undertaking for fuel cell hydrogen vehicles). The Council have secured the majority of the funding for 20 hydrogen buses, set to be procured by the Council, as part of the wider air quality programme under the Clean Air Zone implementation.  To attend scheduled general assembly partner meetings as part of the project management and funded partner contractual arrangements for monitoring and review with the EU Commission Officer.  Practical Outcomes:  Partner cities progress updates with BCC providing outline of developments around Tyseley Energy Park hydrogen re-fuelling and work with hydrogen bus manufacturer.  Tracking of activities – clarification of what has been achieved across the hydrogen bus project and dissemination actions.  administrative updates clarified annual claims process.  Site visit to hydrogen bus station and refuelling facilities which informed design elements to consider for facilities to be deployed at Tyseley Energy Park.	ALL COSTS MET BY EUROPEAN FUNDING Authorised by Waheed Nazir	Outcome 4 - Birmingham is a great city to live in  Priority 4 - We will approve the environment and tackle air pollution. The deployment of the 20 hydrogen buses on a bus route that currently exceeds air quality legal targets, will be measured to ascertain the overall impact of Reducing Nitrogen Oxide emissions (CAZ) levels in the city's air quality management areas (Ug/M3). Reducing Particulate Matter levels in the city's air quality management areas.
Greater Birmingham & Solihull LEP Growth Hub – 1 Officer	Barcelona, Spain	12-15 March 2019	Existing EU Funding Project: PURE COSMOS INTERREG project meeting  To present at 5th International EPSA knowledge-transfer conference entitled "Breaking silos for better service delivery: How to build sustained partnerships between the public sector and entrepreneurs" – panel speaker in: Client-centeredness in the public sector – Which policy instruments and services for companies and entrepreneurs?	ALL COSTS MET BY EUROPEAN FUNDING Authorised by Waheed Nazir	Outcome 1 - Birmingham is an entrepreneurial city to learn, work and invest in.  Priority 3 We will invest in growth sectors where Birmingham has competitive strengths to diversify the economic base of the city.  Outcome 5 – Birmingham residents gain the maximum benefit from hosting the Commonwealth Games.

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			Practical Outcomes: Attended as part of Birmingham's involvement in PURE COSMOS Interreg Europe funded project and development of a regional action plan (RAP), which is focused on addressing how local authorities can reduce the burden of public Provided shared learning from the development of administration and support SMEs to improve their competitiveness. Attendance at the conference enabled Birmingham to share the development of its Growth Hub and strategic direction linked to the evolving Industrial Strategy and developing partnerships. As part of this Birmingham also highlighted some of the key actions within its developing RAP aligned to the GBSLEP Industrial Strategy. These are focused on the priority areas of:  Innovative and Smart procurement Simplyfying regulatory control and enhancing the opportunities of the Commonwealth Games for small businesses Developing the 5G infrastructure to accelerate SME innovation Improving the data intelligence linked to business growth to enable more targeted interventions Birmingham was able to understand more about other One Stop Shop approaches in Europe particularly to understand the Catalan's integrated regulatory services model.		Priority 1 - maximising the opportunities of Birmingham businesses to benefit from the opportunities of the Commonwealth Games.
Information Technology & Digital Services, Digital and Customer Services Directorate – 1 Officer	Luxembourg	13-14 March 2019	Existing EU Funding Project: PULSE Horizon 2020, this aims to exploit the value of Big Data in the public health and transport sector.  To attend the second interim EU project review meeting and report back on the progress of the Birmingham pilot.	ALL COSTS MET BY EUROPEAN FUNDING Authorised by Peter Bishop	Outcome 2 – Birmingham is an aspirational city to grow up in  Priority 4: We will improve early intervention and prevention work to secure healthy lifestyles and behaviours.  Outcome 4 – Birmingham is a great city to live in.

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			<ul> <li>Practical Outcomes:</li> <li>Representatives from each of the project partners attended the second review of the project. Partners were able to meet with the EU project team and reviewers and present back the key elements of the project and gain feedback</li> <li>The PULSE project has the objective of involving 300 participants in each pilot, reaching a total of 1500 participants across all 5 cities. Those participants, are involved in the project at different levels of participations: to participate in data collection on urban air quality, human health/ well-being, and mobility (exercise and urban transport). The aim is to promote healthier lifestyles and awareness of air pollution and to understand the role they can play.</li> <li>PULSE contributes to Council outcomes helping to improve the environment and tackle air pollution through increased data insights; It will contribute towards a fair and inclusive city to help reduce health inequalities between wards; targeting those that are most vulnerable to address issues linked to lack of physical activity and poor air quality through a risk model prevention and early intervention approach</li> <li>Birmingham presented back on the deployment of the pilot test bed in Sparkbrook, Sparkhill and Bordesley Green. Currently there are 139 participants that are using the app and have been given a fitbit to collect data on physical activity and sleep. Recruitment will continue to reach target of 150 users with fitbit and app. There are a further 180 participants providing their health, wellbeing and lifestyle data that will help validate the risk model to assess people's risk of Type 2 diabetes.</li> <li>The project review team were pleased with the progress of the pilot cities and the advancement of the project following the last</li> </ul>		Priority 4 – we will improve the environmental and tackle air pollution.  Outcome 5 - Birmingham residents gain the maximum benefit from hosting the Commonwealth Games.  Priority 2 - We will encourage citizens of all abilities and ages to engage in physical activity and improve their health and wellbeing.

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European and	Zagreb, Croatia	25-27 March 2019	review, particularly that the cities had been able to demonstrate good results.  Next steps are to look at deployment of fixed air sensors near to the local schools in order to collect more granular data at neighbourhood level on PMs and NO2. The generated data from the PulsAir App and the air quality monitors will be integrated into the models and Public Health Observatories tools and dashboards and the type of data displayed developed through close working with the Public Health team. They recommend an extension of the work of 6 months, allowing more time to continue the pilot deployments and undertake user validation.  Existing EU Funding Project: Interreg Europe	ALL COSTS MET BY	Outcome 1 - Birmingham is an
European and international Affairs, Inclusive Growth Directorate – 1 Officer	Zagreb, Croatia	25-21 Warch 2019	Urban Manufacturing Project.  To attend the Urban Manufacturing project management meeting.  Practical Outcomes:  Presented the progress of the Birmingham Action Plan to transnational partners including how the implementation of the project will be monitored over the final two years of the project  Developed a pitch pack to deliver to the ESIF sub-committee to influence the final funding call to ensure projects can come forward to support both collaborative maker spaces and fablabs. Pack also targets potential project promoters. We need collaborative maker space projects to come forward to then be monitored over the final phase of the project. The stakeholder group is also a target group for these messages as they are responsible for informing future Science and Innovation Audits, the next ESIF call for proposals and the future UK Shared Prosperity Fund.  A joint decision on how the Europe wide underspend on the project can be reprofiled and re allocated was taken  Started to plan the final dissemination conference with transnational partners	EUROPEAN FUNDING Authorised by Waheed Nazir	entrepreneurial city to learn, work and invest in.  Priority 2 We will strive to maximise the investment in the city and engage local employers to create quality jobs and opportunities for citizens.  Priority 3 We will invest in growth sectors where Birmingham has competitive strengths to diversify the economic base of the city.

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			including prioritisation of the main messages to be delivered to the European Commission and key national/ regional stakeholders.		
Cllr Ian Ward Inclusive Growth Directorate – 2 Officers	Cannes, France	11-15 March 2019	To attend the MIPIM 2019 Property Conference and expo to promote Birmingham as an investment location within the Midlands Engine, to meet directly with investment partners (both current and potential), represent Birmingham on high profile panel and speaking engagements and to attend networking events and roundtable events to showcase Birmingham's investability and quality of life.  Practical Outcomes: Birmingham was a key part in the Midlands UK pavilion that welcomed 4,700 visitors on to the stand over the 4 days of MIPIM and contributed to the 40 on-stand events.  The Birmingham city council team held over 50 separate 1:1 meetings with investors, developer and funds over the 3 main working days of the conference discussing current or possible investment and development in to Birmingham housing and commercial/employment space  The Birmingham city council team took part in 8 speaking engagements, showcasing the city to a wide range of new global investment partners. This included high-profile speaking events organised by Estates Gazette, London First / Jones Lang Lasalle and the City of London Corporation. These events were prioritised based on the potential to engage with a London-based as well as international based audience.  The Council also used their time in Cannes to join with Lendlease for a special launch event of Birmingham Smithfield: the audience contained a	£156.83 ASSOCIATED COSTS MET BY ENTERPRISE ZONE FUNDING Subsistence only: £156.83 Authorised by Councillor Brigid Jones and Waheed Nazir	Outcome 1 - Birmingham is an entrepreneurial city to learn, work and invest in.  Priority 2 - We will strive to maximise the investment in the city and engage local employers to create quality jobs and opportunities for citizens.  Priority 3 - We will Invest in growth sectors where Birmingham has competitive strengths to diversify the economic base of the city.  Outcome 4  Birmingham is a great city to live in  Priority 2  We will have the appropriate housing to meet the needs of our citizens.  Attendance at MIPIM will help the City Council deliver on its growth ambitions as set out in the Birmingham Development Plan (51,000 additional homes, 1.5m sqm of commercial floor space).

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Place - Parks, Sports, Events and Wellbeing services – 2 Officers	Brussels, Belgium	20-24/03/2019 &	balance between national/international investors and those with a strong link to the City, who were able to demonstrate the wider pace and commitment to growth in the city.  The City Council used the MIPIM 2019 conference, the largest property event in the world, as a backdrop to announce the procurement plans for the Ladywood estate renewal, one of the largest city-centre housing development schemes in the UK as well as announcing the intention to bring forward development proposals for the Southern Gateway / River Rea Corridor.  Existing EU Funding Project: ERASMUS+ YOUTH HEALTH CHAMPIONS  Contractual Project Multiplier event for the Youth Health Champions Project  Practical Outcomes:  • Presentation to ISB conference on how Birmingham delivers school swimming programme  • Presentation ISB conference delegates on how the Wellbeing Service delivers its services to the local community and demonstrates the benefits and the impact.  • Presentation to ISB conference delegates on Youth Health Champions outcomes, online e-learning and manual version.  Over 30 individual leisure service providers at conference varying from facility builders to water treatment companies. With over 3,000 estimated attendances over two days to the conference	£312.74 FLIGHTS AND ACCOMMODATION COSTS MET BY THE ORGANISER Subsistence: £312.74 Authorised by Robert James and Dawn Baxendale	Outcome 2 Birmingham is an aspirational city to grow up in  Priority 3 Inspire our children and young people to be ambitious and achieve their full potential.  Priority 4 We will improve early intervention and prevention work to secure healthy lifestyles and behaviours.  Outcome 3 Birmingham is a fulfilling city to age well in.  Priority 1 – develop active citizens

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Place - Parks, Sports, Events and Wellbeing services – 2 Officers	Plovdiv, Bulgaria	25-27/03/2019	Note: this visit was part of a linked programme following the visit above  • Multiplier Event report & presentations, shared stories about event, brought to life with photos/videos, evaluated each event shared new opportunities created. • Young People case studies from the individuals that took part in the mobility event and the impact of the project on those young people involved, with some fantastic stories and quotes from young people on what it has meant for them. • Evaluation of project outstanding works to be completed by partners. (I.e. translation of completed E-learning) • One to one meetings with independent evaluator 'Skyblue' online survey completed. • What next • Further development of e-learning package (younger age, other funding streams) • Erasmus bid for an exchange to develop new youth health champions with some new partners. Sign up here to complete the e-learning; https://moodle.streetgames.org/#home-page-carousel  Download the trainer resources here; https://network.streetgames.org/our-work-europe/european-youth-health-champions How each of the partners are now going to use the Youth Health Champions product and how it is to be sustained.	£31.32 FLIGHTS AND ACCOMMODATION COSTS MET BY THE ORGANISER Subsistence: £31.32 Authorised by Robert James and Dawn Baxendale	Outcome 2 Birmingham is an aspirational city to grow up in  Priority 3 Inspire our children and young people to be ambitious and achieve their full potential.  Priority 4 We will improve early intervention and prevention work to secure healthy lifestyles and behaviours.  Outcome 3 Birmingham is a fulfilling city to age well in.  Priority 1 – develop active citizens

Total Cost of visits = £2,356.58
No of visits by Members = 2
No of visits by Officers = 11
No of visits at No Cost to the City = 7
Total cost of visits undertaken between

Current financial year 2018/2019

Date	No of visits	Cost
1 April 2018 – 30 June 2018	23	*£60,188.86
(*(figure includes £49,022.05 for Gold		
Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games in		
Australia)		
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
Totals	59	£78,799.58

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

Visits summary 2017/2018

Date	No of visits	Cost
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
Totals	63	£27,404.19

Visits summary 2016/2017

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

Visits summary 2015/2016

Date	No of visits	Cost
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
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Totals	135	£59,985

Visits summary 2014/2015

Date	No of visits	Cost
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
Totals	104	£53,998