

CIVIC RELATED VISITS

DEPARTMENT /REPRESENTATION	DESTINATION	DURATION	PURPOSE OF VISIT	TOTAL COST
Councillor Carl Rice – Lord Mayor 1 Officer	Wuhan, China	24 September – 3 October 2016	<p>To support Birmingham City University (BCU) in its development of relations with Wuhan University. The Universities are undertaking a series of staff and student exchanges and BCU has been asked to participate in a number of events</p> <p>Practical Outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To support the University in its developing relations with Wuhan University. The Universities are undertaking a series of staff and students exchanges. Participated in a number of events at the BCU partner universities; including a celebration of 10 years of the BCU representative Office in Shanghai with alumni, staff and VIP guests; a dinner with senior BCU staff including those running Birmingham Institute of Fashion and Creative Art (BIFCA); the official opening day for BIFCA at Wuhan Textile University followed by dinner with senior staff from both Universities; a visit to BCU's other partner university in the city – Wuhan University of Science and Technology; and a visit to Shanghai Jiaotong University. 	£418 for subsistence. Flights and accommodation costs met by BCU Authorised by Councillor John Clancy

NETWORK RELATED VISITS

DEPARTMENT /REPRESENTATION	DESTINATION	DURATION	PURPOSE OF VISIT	TOTAL COST
Councillor Brett O'Reilly European and International Affairs 1 Officer	Rotterdam, Netherlands	20-21 September 2016	<p>To attend a Eurocities Executive Committee meeting and a High level event on Jobs and Skills</p> <p>Practical Outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreed the agenda and organised the key papers and debates for the Politicians Executive meeting planned for November in Milan. Also delivered a progress report and update on the Eurocities 2016 budget position and forecast for 2017 as Birmingham is the Eurocities Treasurer. Accompanied and supported Cabinet Member for Jobs and Skills who made a 'political' contribution to the conference as well as partake in the political programme for the event which included political debate and study visits. It also provided an opportunity to hear from a number of other cities and understand their approaches to jobs and skills. 	<p>£672</p> <p>Flights £424</p> <p>Accommodation £211</p> <p>Subsistence £37</p> <p>Authorised by Cllr John Clancy</p>
Councillor Ian Ward Culture 1 Officer	Oulu, Finland	4-8 October 2016	<p>To attend a Eurocities Culture Forum</p> <p>Practical Outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting focused on children's culture and cultural education and the main practical outcome was professional practice sharing concerning approaches to creative learning. Attended the Creative Industries working group, which focussed on Oulu's approach to developing a post-industrial economy based on its strength in new technology and gaming. This was useful in informing policy development. Opportunity to share the Council's approach to public art, and also presented a private/public match funding initiative. The forum meeting provided opportunities to build new relationships. Birmingham was elected by the membership to chair the forum for the next two years. 	<p>£1,387</p> <p>Flights £448</p> <p>Accommodation £832</p> <p>Subsistence £107</p> <p>Authorised by Cllr John Clancy/Jacqui Kennedy</p>

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European and International Affairs 1 Officer	Milan, Italy	16-18 November 2016	<p>To attend the Eurocities Annual General Conference, Executive Committee and political debate on the future of Europe</p> <p>Practical Outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fulfilled some formal duties in particular at the AGM and Executive Committee as Eurocities treasurer. Also supported the Core Cities contribution to the political debate which resulted in an 'open letter' to the Presidents of the EU institutions and Heads of State. 	<p>£661</p> <p>Flights £150</p> <p>Accommodation £200</p> <p>Conference fees £250</p> <p>Subsistence £61</p> <p>Authorised by Cllr John Clancy</p>
Children's Services 1 Officer	Gothenburg, Sweden	23-25 November 2016	<p>To attend a Eurocities Inclusion through education working group</p> <p>Practical Outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was a presentation of 14 European city approaches to inclusion. This included Birmingham's approach:- Growing school places – for some refugees, but also families on benefits who are capped and displaced from expensive parts of the UK (London & South East) . YEI working to improve working offer for all deprived young people 16 to 25; this has major working across a wide set of providers across the City and is seeing some positive outputs. Employment for disabled children has been implemented over the last year and is being reviewed. The Work Placement for quite significantly disabled young people has offered a good experience for them and has use the Canadian Occupational Performance Measure COPM to gain an understanding of how this has affected their engagement. Some young people have been give certificates as part of their placements. This has been very positive. The plan is to expand the programme in the coming year. 	<p>£704</p> <p>Flights £302</p> <p>Accommodation £172</p> <p>Subsistence £230</p> <p>Authorised by Colin Diamond</p>

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DEPARTMENT /REPRESENTATION	DESTINATION	DURATION	PURPOSE OF VISIT	TOTAL COST
European and International Affairs 1 Officer	Brussels, Belgium	29-30 November 2016	<p>To attend the Eurocities EU Urban Agenda and Cohesion Policy Working groups</p> <p>Practical Outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chaired the Eurocities Cohesion Policy working group meeting which is seeking to influence the future of Cohesion Policy. Cohesion Policy is the key EU funding policy for cities and the one in which Birmingham has benefitted so greatly. A Cohesion Policy report will be launched by the European Commission in the autumn of 2017 and therefore the first 6 months of 2017 will be critical in informing and influencing this report. This will provide opportunities to influence aspects of the funding the UK cities may still be able to access post Brexit. • Also co-chaired a Eurocities meeting and workshop on the new EU Urban Agenda. This agenda now places cities at the top table alongside the EU institutions and Member State govts in influencing funding, policies and regulation that impact on cities. It is clear that all this will still impact on cities beyond Brexit and continued engagement and influence over funding, policy and regulation, via Eurocities, will provide Birmingham a level of on-going influence the Govt is likely to lose once we exit • Met with the staff in the Brussels Office to update them on the budget and savings issues and the implications of this for them and the office. It was important to hold a formal discussion on these challenges and their impact rather than conduct these by email and telephone calls alone. The above meetings provided the opportunity to use some time in Brussels to hold these discussions. 	<p>£709</p> <p>Flights £493</p> <p>Accommodation £193</p> <p>Subsistence £23</p> <p>Authorised by Angela Probert</p>

PROFESSIONAL, FUNDING AND SPECIFIC PROJECTS RELATED VISITS

DEPARTMENT /REPRESENTATION	DESTINATION	DURATION	PURPOSE OF VISIT	TOTAL COST
Sustainability 1 Officer	Amsterdam, Netherlands	15 September 2016	<p>To attend a Climate KIC Assembly</p> <p>Practical Outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Birmingham City Council is on the Governing Board and Assembly for Climate KIC. As such are required to attend regular meetings in Amsterdam (Climate KIC's holding company is in the Netherlands and therefore it is a requirement to hold a certain number of meetings there each year). This was an Assembly meeting to ratify the accounts from 2015 and to agree the business plan for Climate KIC moving forwards in order to secure its funding from the EIT (European Institute of Technology). 	<p>ALL COSTS MET BY EUROPEAN FUNDING</p> <p>Authorised by Waheed Nazir</p>
Transportation 1 Officer	Kozani, Greece	19-21 September 2016	<p>To participate in a LARA partner project meeting aimed at locating gas and other utility infrastructure piping systems underground through electronic tagging and using satellite systems. This is important to Birmingham as we embark on developing low carbon, and zero NOx & Particulate Matter emission re-fuelling infrastructure (including electric, hydrogen, bio-fuels, liquid air and CNG gas.).</p> <p>Practical Outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seminar, training and pilot presentation to the local business and utility community of the LARA technology and how it could assist them in infrastructure planning and civil works required. Project update on the current status of the space satellite and GPS sub-systems of the LARA platform Update and validate the master plan of the LARA platform for the 2nd prototype [February 2017] Presentation of plans and actions for the dissemination and exploitation activities Set requirements for the next pilot study 	<p>ALL COSTS MET BY EUROPEAN FUNDING</p> <p>Authorised by Waheed Nazir</p>

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DEPARTMENT /REPRESENTATION	DESTINATION	DURATION	PURPOSE OF VISIT	TOTAL COST
European and International Affairs – 1 Officer	Athens, Greece	25-27 September 2016	<p>To attend an EU Urban Agenda high level partnership meeting and Urban Poverty Seminar</p> <p>Practical Outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under the umbrella of the new EU Urban Agenda the European Commission set up 4 new pilot partnerships to test how cities can work more effectively alongside the EU institutions and Member States to influence funding, policy and regulation in key thematic areas. Birmingham was lucky enough to be selected to be a member of the Urban Poverty partnership platform. • This meeting was the third formal meeting which reviewed and presented its progress to date. This has included a comprehensive mapping of the funding, policy and regulatory framework for poverty as well as a new scoping report on the bottlenecks and opportunities for recommended improvements. • Alongside this the EU Commission launched a new programme called Urban Innovative Actions providing funding for 'innovative' cities to deliver actions in one of the 4 pilot themes. Birmingham chose to bid into the Urban Poverty theme and from 378 applications submitted across the whole of Europe Birmingham was one of only 18 projects supported. In fact the only UK city to be awarded funding. Membership of the Urban Poverty platform alongside the EU commission will have provided the city invaluable promotion and visibility which will have no doubt informed the funding decision. 	<p>£608</p> <p>Flights £435</p> <p>Accommodation £144</p> <p>Subsistence £29</p> <p>Authorised by Angela Probert</p>

PROFESSIONAL, FUNDING AND SPECIFIC PROJECTS RELATED VISITS - CONTINUED

DEPARTMENT /REPRESENTATION	DESTINATION	DURATION	PURPOSE OF VISIT	TOTAL COST
Transportation – 1 Officer	Gdynia, Poland	26-28 September 2016	<p>To participate in a Furthering Less Congestion by Creating Opportunities For More Walking and Cycling (FLOW) project meeting aimed at putting walking and cycling on an equal footing with motorised modes as a solution to tackle urban congestion, by developing a user-friendly methodology, involving traffic modelling, to assess the effectiveness of walking and cycling measures.</p> <p>Practical Outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An understanding of the FLOW project and how Birmingham can benefit from it. • An understanding of the techniques being considered as part of the FLOW work, this was insightful as the project considers the level of service of different road users including pedestrians and cycling. This is directly relevant to the work BCC are undertaking on Road Space Allocation and information was shared with the officers concerned. • Examples of European Cities where congestion has been reduced while cycling and walking improved. This is of great interest in the way we use the road space in our city and look at walking and cycling measures in Local Centres, Green Travel Districts (GTD) and the City Centre. • Gained inspiration on possible action in Birmingham. FLOW partner cities were asked to send a photo of congestion in the city and Kings Heath High Street, one of the GTD locations was submitted. This was used as the focus of a one hour workshop session led by BCC. The suggested ideas have been fed back to the Kings Heath GTD Working Group. • Information on design and other traffic flow measures that fully consider non-motorised transport. This session was useful for informing the proposed Birmingham Cycle Revolution improvements that are now being considered for the GTD locations. 	<p>ALL COSTS MET BY EUROPEAN FUNDING</p> <p>Authorised by Waheed Nazir</p>

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DEPARTMENT /REPRESENTATION	DESTINATION	DURATION	PURPOSE OF VISIT	TOTAL COST
Transportation – 1 Officer	Lyon, France	27-29 September 2016	<p>To attend and participate in the final Opticities General Assembly aimed at the use of intelligent transport systems to demonstrate how transport incidents can be better handled in cities</p> <p>Practical Outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An overview of all work packages within the project. • Discussion took place as to whether there was the possibility of a continuation of the Opticities project, ie, Opticities 2. • Press conference took place where the success of the project was shared with the media. There was also a live demonstration of the Opticities car that Lyon had developed with Vedecom, the software that is incorporated within the car. • It was agreed that all the partners involved in Opticities would ensure that all work packages and deliverables were completed to time and budget. The project will officially finish by the end of December 2016. 	<p>ALL COSTS MET BY EUROPEAN FUNDING</p> <p>Authorised by Waheed Nazir</p>

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DEPARTMENT /REPRESENTATION	DESTINATION	DURATION	PURPOSE OF VISIT	TOTAL COST
Digital Birmingham – 2 Officers	Milan, Italy	3-5 October 2016	<p>To participate in 3 year Horizon 2020 City4Age project meeting aimed at supporting over 65s to increase their physical activity and social interactions through the use of wearable technologies (smart watches) and other technology devices with the aim to help keep them independent for as long as possible and reduce the potential onset of frailty.</p> <p>Practical Outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-depth focus on the implementation of the Birmingham pilot sites (Sutton Coldfield – Mere Green and Yardley) with a separate meeting to discuss the data analysis, modelling and interventions systems with the work package leads. It was important in identifying any issues or barriers in relation to the pilot phase and speaking with other partners to define solutions. • There were two separate workshops one that concentrated on the pilot study looking at recruitment, ethics and privacy; data capture and development of interventions to support behaviour change; the other workshop looked at the intelligent data systems and dashboards used to provide visualisations and interpret the data upon which the interventions will be modelled for each of the participants. • The workshops helped to develop the next stage of the project which was examining the types of data that would be captured and how this would be used as the basis to identify deviations from normal behaviour, for example when a person stops doing a regular daily activity such as going out to the library. • There was discussion on the use of the intervention engine, which would be used to develop and send personalised messages to the participants on a regular basis to promote physical activity and social activities contextualised to their locality and interest. 	<p>ALL COSTS MET BY EUROPEAN FUNDING</p> <p>Authorised by Waheed Nazir</p>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The knowledge that is gained from both of these meetings helps us to identify barriers, issues and challenges and which interventions/solutions work the best to address them. • Both projects involve a number of partners and they are an opportunity to learn from each other (rather than keep reinventing wheels) and this then can be fed back into commissioning teams to transform the way they deliver services to the elderly in the case of City4Ag, or feed back into agencies such as GBSLEP, WMCA, procurement, growth hub, DCLG to address specific issues that can improve the economic strategy for businesses in the City. • All costs associated with the project are fully recoverable from the City4Age grant funding (100% funding) so the costs of travel and officer time are covered. • We envisage that by enabling older people to utilise technology for daily living in this way, efficiencies in service delivery can be made as well as significant benefits to people in enhancing their quality of life. This project enables us to test these technologies at no cost and low risk to the City. 	
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DEPARTMENT /REPRESENTATION	DESTINATION	DURATION	PURPOSE OF VISIT	TOTAL COST
Planning and Regeneration – 1 Officer	Munich, Germany	4-5 October 2016	<p>To represent the City Council as part of Birmingham's delegation at EXPO REAL, an international trade fair with 1,707 exhibitors present and over 37,000 participants from 74 countries.</p> <p>Practical Outcomes</p> <p>In addition to having a presence on the Birmingham stand and attending meetings also took part in a panel discussion including providing presentation on Birmingham's growth agenda to a broad audience.</p> <p>Attendance at the event provided the following benefits:</p> <p>Promoting Birmingham</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As a crucial investment mission Birmingham was promoted on the world stage as a competitive location in the marketplace for inward investment. The event provided a high profile opportunity to demonstrate Birmingham's forward thinking attitude and expertise to key decision makers worldwide. Birmingham had a stand to promote the City's offer to potential investors outlining developments planned and underway in the city, setting out key investment propositions. Meetings were held with potential investors interested in buying assets or funding developments in the city. Through the presentation session this provided an opportunity to showcase the progressive approach to development and investment and the work of the City Council in driving forward economic regeneration. <p>Personal professional development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendance at the event provided a significant opportunity for personal professional development. This was gained through the presentation to an international audience and panel discussion. Networking skills and developing relationships with potential investors. <p>Acquiring knowledge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One of the benefits of attending such a major event is the opportunity to gain an understanding of how other major cities are presenting their investment opportunities and how Birmingham compares. In the context of the recent EU referendum result attendance at the event provided an opportunity to gauge future investor interest in the UK post Brexit. 	£20 for subsistence Flight and accommodation costs met by Marketing Birmingham Authorised by Waheed Nazir

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DEPARTMENT /REPRESENTATION	DESTINATION	DURATION	PURPOSE OF VISIT	TOTAL COST
Sports and Events – 1 Officer	Dublin, Eire	4 October 2016	<p>To participate in a European grant funded Urbact Urban Action Planning Network aimed at exploring key areas of work that address the challenges of participation and use of public spaces – in particular the means to advance the active inclusion of marginalised/vulnerable/disadvantaged groups in place-based activities.</p> <p>Practical Outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working to put in an EU urbact bid around active civic spaces and defining the commons Collaboration with Ross at Dublin on an article, leading into a funding application for a conference around active citizenship Asked to be the lead agency for the next EU funding round Introduced to their practice around sport and leisure services, including a site visit to a centre, a visit to a community project, and then a tour around a deprived estate on the outskirts of Dublin Introduction to the concept of 'Pop Brixton' which we have now arranged to go and visit as part of a potential funding bid to HSBC (visiting January 2017) 	<p>ALL COSTS MET BY EUROPEAN FUNDING Authorised by Jacqui Kennedy</p>
European and International Affairs – 1 Officer	Brussels, Belgium	10-12 October 2016	<p>To attend the European Week of Regions and Cities and in addition a Urban Innovative Actions meeting</p> <p>Practical Outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is the largest annual event in the EU calendar which welcomes something in the region of 20,000 participants and runs hundreds of simultaneous workshops and events. Formally presented alongside the EU Commission at two different workshops representing Birmingham's role in the Commission's Urban Poverty platform. Both workshops were attended by approximately 100 participants representing cities, regions, member state governments and the EU Institutions. Also met individually and collectively with the staff in the Brussels Office. 	<p>£736 Flights £382 Accommodation £279 Subsistence £75 Authorised by Angela Probert</p>

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Sustainability – 1 Officer	Rome, Italy	12-16 October 2016	<p>To participate in a Co-ordinated Energy Related Public Procurement of Innovation Action for Cities (CEPPI) meeting</p> <p>Practical Outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation delivered on BCC activity re public procurement of innovation • Conducted workshop on 'risk or reward – how to convince your colleagues that procurement of innovation is a good idea' • Participated in 3 workshops relating to sustainable procurement • Raising the profile of Birmingham being an active 'green' city 	<p>ALL COSTS MET BY EUROPEAN FUNDING</p> <p>Authorised by Waheed Nazir</p>
Culture – 1 Officer	Bratislava, Slovakia	18-21 October 2016	<p>To participate in an EU funded Culture for Cities and Regions Project meeting</p> <p>Practical Outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This was a coaching visit as part of the EU funded Culture for Cities and Regions project. Birmingham has been a participant in all phases of the project, sharing its case study on neighbourhood arts and hosting a study visit. • In this final stage, the coaching was to support the city of Bratislava to develop new partnership approaches in relation to cultural tourism and creative industries. The project is funded entirely by the EU and managed by Eurocities in association with the European Research Network ERRIN and KEA consultancy 	<p>£32 for subsistence</p> <p>Flights and accommodation costs met by meeting organisers</p> <p>Authorised by Jacqui Kennedy</p>

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DEPARTMENT /REPRESENTATION	DESTINATION	DURATION	PURPOSE OF VISIT	TOTAL COST
Corporate Strategy – 1 Officer Transportation – 1 Officer	Turin, Italy	24-27 October 2016	<p>To participate in a SETA Consortium aimed at creating an app and dashboard for transport professionals that will change the way mobility is understood and planned in metropolitan areas</p> <p>Practical Outcomes</p> <p>Birmingham has been awarded €200K grant funding over 3 years as part of a Horizon 2020 consortium bid. The consortium (SETA) is led by Sheffield University and Birmingham is a case study city. SETA is set to create a technology and methodology that will foster a change in the way mobility is understood and organised, monitored and planned in metropolitan areas. This fits very closely with the aspirations for Active Birmingham and the new approach to the Wellbeing Service promoting physical activity and non-motorised mobility as well as with the Birmingham Connected approach to improve mobility within the city.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended as project leads and represented Birmingham City Council at this consortium partner meeting to share progress of the Birmingham Case Study and actions to date. • Informed of the requirements for Birmingham from this Big Data project. • Reported on Birmingham's progress on the progress of Q1 milestones and actions. • Participated in discussions of Birmingham's requirements in regards to this project. • Looked at the milestones and actions that are due within the next 3 months from Birmingham. • The meeting also provided a valuable opportunity to learn what other partners have been doing in regards to stakeholder analysis, big data collection and mobility / transport modelling for their cities. • Feedback provided to the Birmingham Project Team and other project linked to this work on Big Birmingham Bikes, Active Parks and Active Data that are already under way. In addition it also links with Transportation whose priorities include active travel and behaviour change. 	<p>ALL COSTS MET BY EUROPEAN FUNDING</p> <p>Authorised by Waheed Nazir/Angela Probert</p>

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DEPARTMENT /REPRESENTATION	DESTINATION	DURATION	PURPOSE OF VISIT	TOTAL COST
Regeneration 1 Officer	Hong Kong	29 October – 2 November 2016	<p>To meet with large and active infrastructural and real estate companies who are looking at Birmingham for investment opportunities related to high speed rail and large scale residential development</p> <p>Practical Outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A series of meetings were undertaken with large property and investment companies to follow up their interest in Birmingham. These active links will be reinforced with subsequent visits to Birmingham 	£98 for subsistence Flights and accommodation costs met by Marketing Birmingham Authorised by Mark Rogers
Sustainability – 1 Officer 1 Officer	Frankfurt, Germany	6-7 November 2016 8 November 2016	<p>To attend a Climate Kic Annual Conference and Transition Consortium</p> <p>Practical Outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Represented the urban agenda on a panel of other 'city experts' and the response that city authorities can make to reduce climate change. Birmingham is a core partner of Climate KIC and is represented on the Assembly and the Governing Board – it was therefore important that we were able to support the event. In addition to the session itself, there was an opportunity to hear from others about their plans for carbon reduction as well as to lobby for the city agenda around funding opportunities Chaired a consortium meeting. Review of 2016 projects and any associated barriers Review of 2016 work packages and any associated barriers Outline project plan for 2017 agreed 	ALL COSTS MET BY EUROPEAN FUNDING Authorised by Waheed Nazir

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Sustainability – 1 Officer	Valencia, Spain	15-16 November 2016	<p>To conduct a consortium meeting for the Cordinated Energy Related Public Procurement of Innovation Action for Cities (CEPPI) project</p> <p>Practical Outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chaired a consortium meeting. • Review of 18month interim report including missing elements/ areas for improvement discussed and actioned • Review of progress on work packages to date and any associated barriers • Outline project plan for remaining 18months agreed • Peer learning workshop conducted in relation to procurement of innovation 	<p>ALL COSTS MET BY EUROPEAN FUNDING</p> <p>Authorised by Waheed Nazir</p>
European and International Affairs 1 Officer	Lille, France	21-22 November 2016	<p>To attend the first meeting of the Unlocking Social and Economic Innovation Together (USE-IT) project aimed at focusing on Greater Icknield, a transect that cuts across the core urban area of Birmingham and Sandwell authorities</p> <p>Practical Outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in contract negotiations and as a result the project budget (EUR3.6m) and its split between 16 partner organisations based in Birmingham has been confirmed. • Discussed project activities, deliverables and outputs expected within the next 3 years (project duration). • Explained our delivery plans and presented a Gantt chart and discussed monitoring plans • Participated in training on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reporting (frequency and type of reports) - project evaluation - financial processes - publicity and information management 	<p>ALL COSTS MET BY EUROPEAN FUNDING</p> <p>Authorised by Angela Probert</p>

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Corporate Strategy 1 Officer Events and Parks 1 Officer	Liepaja, Latvia	21-24 November 2016	<p>To participate in a Vital Cities Urban Sports Promotion for social inclusion, healthy active living meeting</p> <p>Practical Outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project works through a series of international knowledge exchange events combined with 'local' individual city policy development and action planning. • The project is split into two phases. Phase one acts as a short scoping period where a lead expert visits each partner city and completes a fact finding baseline study. The findings from the study test the concept, in our case 'Vital Cities' and provides the evidence to then apply to the Urbact Secretariat to move to Phase two. • Phase two is the more detailed part of the project lasting 18 months to May 2018. There are two key aspects to phase two (1) each city receives an extensive review and participates in conducting two with other partner cities (2) an Urbact Local Group is established and creates a local action plan. • The international project meeting in Liepaja, Latvia was the start of the Deep Dive process teaching all partners through practical application how to conduct a deep dive. In preparation for the Liepaja visit each city had to conduct a self-assessment which was shared at the Liepaja meeting. This self-assessment will be used as part of each cities own extensive review and was passed to the cities that will visit and conduct similar reviews. • Completed Birmingham self-assessment for use as part of our deep dive visit. • Training and development through practical exercises and direct experience of how to conduct a deep dive assessment using the required Urbact methodology. • In addition as part of the learning there was notable input from specialist expert speakers that provided inspiration and practical examples of what we can aspire to achieve in Birmingham. • Completed Birmingham self-assessment for use as part of our deep dive visit. • Training and development through practical exercises and direct experience of how to conduct an extensive assessment using the required Urbact methodology. • In addition as part of the learning there was notable input from specialist expert speakers that provided inspiration and practical examples of what we can aspire to achieve in Birmingham. 	<p>ALL COSTS MET BY EUROPEAN FUNDING</p> <p>Authorised by Angela Probert/Jacqui Kennedy</p>

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Digital Birmingham 2 Officers	Madrid, Spain	27-29 November 2016	<p>To attend a Participatory Urban Living for Sustainable Environment (PULSE) 3 year European Horizon 2020 project kick off meeting aimed at exploiting the value of Big Data in the public health sector to develop risk and preventative models that will tackle challenges for Birmingham in the related areas of: mobility (physical activity) and type 2 diabetes.</p> <p>Practical Outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This first meeting brought together all of the partners on the project with the objective to understand the key components of the project identified through the different work packages and from this to understand the co-dependencies and timescales and contribution of each partner to achieving the outputs detailed by each quarter. • It also provided the opportunity to agree the project governance mechanisms; format of future meetings and collaboration tools to share documents and meet online as well as due processes that have to be followed in order to claim the European Funding that has been awarded as part of the Project Grant. • Set out the protocols and the objectives of the project as well as enabling project partners to understand each other's perspective and challenges in relation to the project. Each partner had to present their objectives and explain what they will be doing. • Birmingham is one of the five pilot cities and this meeting enabled further clarification and discussion about the key aims for the Birmingham pilot; types of data (social, environmental; health; wellbeing); procedure around ethics and privacy approval; design of pilot and involvement of stakeholders. Ensuring correct design of the pilot upfront is pivotal to optimising the resultant outcomes in terms of both delivering the project outcomes and meeting Council longer term aims around improving service delivery; efficiencies and tackling key challenges in the areas of air quality; obesity and quality of life. 	<p>ALL COSTS MET BY EUROPEAN FUNDING Authorised by Waheed Nazir</p>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In parallel to the session on the pilots there was also a related work stream. • Both these sessions have helped to more closely define the scope of the pilot. • The next steps involve working with public health and transport and connectivity teams to more closely identify the locality and target cohort for the pilot recruitment plus location of additional sensors so that we integrate and build on existing infrastructure and align to existing programmes of work to maximise the benefits to the Council. 	
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Total Cost of visits = £6,045

No of visits by Members = 3

No of visits by Officers = 24

No of visits at No Cost to the City = 13

Total cost of visits undertaken between 15 September and 29 November 2016

Date	No of visits	Cost
1 April 2016 – 30 June 2016	25	£16,989
1 July – 30 September 2016	12	£5,133
1 October to date	17	£4,347

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 – 30 December 2015	42	£15,910
1 January 2016 - 31 March 2016	25	£16,687
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 – 30 December 2014	39	£14,659
1 January 2015 to 31 March 2015	21	£9,540
Totals	104	£53,998

Visits summary 2013/2014

Date	No of visits	Cost
1 April – 30 June 2013	52	£18,467
1 July - 30 September 2013	12	£8,210
1 October –30 December 2013	38	£5,696
1 January 2014 to 31 March 2014	23	£15,243
Totals	125	£47,616