

## 1 Executive Summary

This is a bid to the Big Lottery's Communities Living Sustainably fund submitted by the L8 Living Sustainably Partnership.

The partnership spans all sectors – public, private and community – and has come together specifically to address the issue of climate change in Toxteth, an inner city area of Liverpool. The partners have many years' experience in community and economic development and, working with the local community, have a developed a shared vision.

GTDT is lead partner in this bid because of its experience and track record as a Community Anchor organisation and its roots deep into this community. Its community engagement skills are second to none in a community which is notoriously difficult to engage.

To develop the bid, the partners have used their collective skills to work with all parts of the community. As well as informal soundings, we have involved a large number of local people and taken their views into our proposals through a series of community engagement events including world cafés and the work of our Community Organisers and volunteer Neighbourhood Champions.

As one of the most deprived and diverse neighbourhoods in western Europe, Toxteth is being affected disproportionately by climate change. Unless co-ordinated action is taken to address this, the effects will be ever greater over time. Tackling the long-term effects of climate change will equally deliver demonstrable financial gains by reducing expenditure on energy and food.

To deliver these gains we will build existing small-scale activities to a more effective scale. Rather than using Big Lottery funding to simply subsidise direct actions, our approach will be to foster an

environment where local residents, businesses and intermediaries are encouraged to take actions which mitigate the effects of climate change. We will achieve this by stimulating both supply-side and demand-side measures, using market forces to bring about the changes.

The area will be developed as a 'Neighbourhood Power Station', generating renewable energy from the roofs domestic households, especially those owned by RSLs. The energy will be sold locally on an attractive and accessible 'L8 Tariff'. People will be helped to switch to the new tariff through a financial instrument developed in partnership with the two local Credit Unions.

Local residents will be able to enjoy the benefits of energy efficiencies through a 'Green Deal' initiative which will focus on reducing consumption.

Food will be produced locally by developing a 'Patchwork Urban Farm' using small plots of available land all around the neighbourhood. The existing fragmented approach will be co-ordinated and boosted through a tried and tested co-operative venture.

The local supply chains will be stimulated to create a market for the locally produced food and energy. A leading independent regional supermarket has been engaged to act as launch retailer.



The results of the project will be a sustainable neighbourhood, fully engaged in activities which will mitigate the effects of climate change while delivering tangible financial benefits to participants.





**We commend the bid to you.** It will transform this deprived neighbourhood and tackle the effects of climate change.

### 3 The L8 Living Sustainably Partnership

The Partnership brings together key organisations from all sectors – voluntary and community, private and public. Together they have developed a shared vision for sustainability in the L8 neighbourhood.

The partners have come together because they have worked together for many years (although never in this specific Partnership). As a group of independent organisations they can work together effectively to deliver the project activities and the benefits to the local community.

Partner	Sector	Legal Status	Roles and Responsibilities	Relevant Experience
<b>Granby Toxteth Development Trust</b> 	Voluntary, Community	Company limited by guarantee, number 2911106	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Applicant, lead partner, accountable body, point of contact with Big Lottery</li> <li>Overall project management, quality assurance standards and compliance</li> <li>Co-ordinator of Learning thematic programme</li> <li>Community anchor organisation for Granby neighbourhood</li> <li>Engage and mobilise diverse BME communities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>18 years as Community Anchor organisation</li> <li>All recent projects focus on mobilising and engaging with the diverse communities</li> <li>Pioneering Neighbourhood Champion model piloted and developed over 8 years</li> <li>UKonline information and advice centre has successfully operated for 11 years, contributing to social inclusion</li> <li>Over 700 businesses started over past 5 years through business advice programme</li> </ul>
<b>Dingle Multi-Agency Centre</b> 	Voluntary and Community	Company limited by guarantee, number 3358612	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community anchor organisation for Dingle neighbourhood</li> <li>Engage and mobilise local third sector organisations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>15 years as Community Anchor organisation</li> <li>Provides much needed high quality space for local businesses and third sector groups</li> </ul>
<b>Liverpool Vision</b>	Public	Company limited by guarantee, number 6580889	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Co-ordinator of Energy thematic programme</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Economic development company of Liverpool City Council</li> </ul>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lead partner for negotiations with potential investors for community energy generation</li> <li>Lead partner for engagement of RSLs</li> <li>Lead partner for liaison with blue-chip energy supply companies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stimulates local economic activity and inward investment</li> <li>Develops local supply chains</li> </ul>
<p>The Liverpool Food Alliance</p> 	Voluntary and Community	Company limited by guarantee, number 7860345	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Co-ordinator of Food thematic programme</li> <li>Lead partner for development of 'patchwork urban farm'</li> <li>Lead partner for engagement with Primary Care Trust</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recently-established vehicle for bringing together the loose network of growing groups</li> <li>Follows co-operative governance principles</li> </ul>
<p>L8 Super Store</p> 	Private	Company limited with share capital, number 7550098	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Private sector partner</li> <li>Initial retail outlet for locally produced food</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Part of a region-wide group of superstores specialising in supplying foods to the BME sector</li> </ul>
<p>The UK Association of Rights and Humanity</p> 		Company limited by guarantee, number 2541095	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advisor to the project on matters of individual and community rights and responsibilities</li> <li>Evaluation partner</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>25 years' experience of human rights practice</li> <li>Gives a human rights perspective to poverty and community empowerment</li> </ul>

A draft Partnership Agreement has been drawn up, based on an existing template previously agreed by Big Lottery, and agreed in principle by the partners. A copy is included as an Annex to this document. However, having discussed this with our Grant Officer, we believe that in the event that we are awarded a Communities

Living Sustainably grant there will be an initial phase during which the exact content of the Partnership Agreement will be agreed.

The partners will be content to adopt any reasonable Partnership Agreement to be proposed by Big Lottery.