

Committee(s): [Culture, Heritage and Libraries]	Dated: 29/01/2024
Subject: Proposed Fleet Street Heritage initiative	Public
Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?	n/a
Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?	N
If so, how much?	£
What is the source of Funding?	
Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?	n/a
Report of: Town Clerk	For Information
Report author: Jayne Moore	

Summary

This report presents a proposal for a Fleet Street Heritage initiative and seeks Members support for this local educational initiative created by a small non-profit organisation.

Recommendation

Members are asked to:

- i. Note the report and agree to exploring next steps if supportive of the initiative
- ii. Note the potential involvement of the CAI, and note the potential for involving BIDs as potential funders of local cultural initiatives and arts projects.

Main Report

The Fleet Street Heritage Community Interest Company (CIC) created in 2020 has raised funds from the City of London CIL neighbourhood fund in the past for a range of projects, including the Fleet St Heritage Sundial opened by the then Lady Mayoress in 2021 – visuals and further information available here: [Fleet Street Heritage Sundial](#).

The Company has also produced 80 A3 panels about many aspects of the heritage of the Fleet Street neighbourhood, all of which are posted here: www.fleetstreetheritage.co.uk. It is now proposing that these panels should be printed onto large ceramic tiles which will be placed under the sundial - these will be on view all day, every day.

This proposal comes at a time when three sites on Fleet St are covered by hoardings as a consequence of the ongoing developments in the area. The new tiled panels would serve to remind everyone – locals, passers-by and the many tourists – that Fleet Street is a unique place within the City with a rich history.

The proposal is supported by the Castle Baynard Ward Club and by the Fleet Street Quarter BID. It would enhance the Fleet Street Conservation Area and would complement the City’s existing heritage walls at Magpie Alley and Queenhithe. It has already received plenty of public support from a petition to the City Corporation which is posted at <https://chnq.it/SSzWxnvkhn> It is also supportive of the objectives of Destination City to drive up footfall and numbers of visitors to the Square Mile.

