



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

AREA PANEL 1 27 OCTOBER 2004

Report of Assistant Director – Community Policy

Late item - Area Panel Funding Application for Chapel Lane Lighting

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1.1 Area Panel 1 is asked to consider this application for funding as a matter of urgency. An incident during the weekend of 9/10 October 2004 off Chapel Lane, Chaddesden has left the local community feeling shocked and concerned.
- 1.2 The new process for area panel funding as outlined in the Council Constitution requires applications to be submitted in time to be appraised by the Area Panel Funding Appraisal Panel before the Area Panel makes its decision. It is proposed to present the application to the Area Panel without following the new process because of the seriousness of the recent incident, the need to address the fears of the local community, the need to improve the local lighting and security immediately and the fact that there is no funding available in the 2004/5 street lighting budget.
- 1.3 Area Panel 1 budget allocation for 2004/5 is £29,000. The panel also has an additional budget of £1,418 carried forward from 2003/4, which means that a total budget of £30,418 is available for allocation to projects during this financial year. As at 27 October 2004 there is £29,218 available to allocate, however applications totalling £8,788 are being considered by Area Panel 1 on 27 October in the report Area Panel Budget Proposals 2004/5.
- 1.4 Area Panel 1 is asked to consider whether to support the following application for funding received from:

Applicant	Project	Ward	Funding requested
Councillor Bolton	Lighting on Chapel Lane	Chaddesden	£1,450
Total funding requested			£1,450

- 1.5 A short summary of the project is attached to this report in Appendix 2
- 1.6 The reasons recommended for supporting an application are that it:
 - meets the criteria for area panel funding
 - provides evidence of need
 - enables residents to participate in activities within their community
 - provides a service in response to the needs of local residents as raised at the area panel meeting
 - contributes to improvements which will provide a benefit to all residents

- is capable of rapid implementation, and can have a significant impact in a short time
- provides evidence that the proposal will be sustained beyond the level of funding required
- contributes to the delivery of the Council's corporate objectives and priorities.

1.7 If the proposals are approved, the implications for the total budget for Area Panel 1 in 2004/5 will be:

Area Panel 1	£
Budget for 2004/5	£29,000
Total carried forward from 2003/4	£1,418
Total commitments to date	£1,200
Sub total of proposals to consider in October 2004	£10,238
Budget remaining if proposals for October are approved	£18,980
Chaddesden ward	
Budget for 2004/5	£7,250
Total carried forward from 2003/4	£826
Total commitments to date	£0
Sub total of proposals to consider in October 2004	£1,450
Budget remaining if proposals for October are approved	£6,626
Derwent ward	
Budget for 2004/5	£7,250
Total carried forward from 2003/4	£0
Total commitments to date	£850
Sub total of proposals to consider in October 2004	£6,288
Budget remaining if proposals for October are approved	£112
Oakwood ward	
Budget for 2004/5	£7,250
Total carried forward from 2003/4	£0
Total commitments to date	£350
Sub total of proposals to consider in October 2004	£500
Budget remaining if proposals for October are approved	£6,400
Spondon Ward	
Budget for 2004/5	£7,250
Total carried forward from 2003/4	£592
Total commitments to date	£0
Sub total of proposals to consider in October 2004	£2,000
Budget remaining if proposals for October are approved	£5,842

PROPOSED ACTION

2.1 To consider and determine the application for area panel funding.

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Background papers: Area Panel Budget allocation criteria, Application form stored on file.
List of appendices: Appendix 1 – Summary of implications
Appendix 2 – Summary of application

Appendix 1

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

- 1.1 Area panels must consider priorities within the area when considering requests for funding. Not all requests that meet the criteria will be considered a priority. When supporting or rejecting an application over £1,000, Area Panel 1 must give reasons for its decision.

Legal

- 2.1 Area Panel 1 has delegated authority to use its budget for local environmental and community purposes.
- 2.2 Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 empowers the Council to offer grants to voluntary and other organisations to provide any recreational facilities.
- 2.3 Any decision involving the making of a grant or loan over £1,000 to any voluntary body is deemed to have a significant impact on two or more wards and is therefore a key decision.
- 2.4 After a key decision has been taken, the Director of Corporate Services must publish a record of every executive decision taken at that meeting within two days of that meeting. The record must include a statement of the reasons for each decision and any alternative options considered or rejected at the meeting. No action will be taken on any such decision for five clear days from the date of publication.

Personnel

- 3.1 None other than those included in the application forms.

Equalities impact

- 4.1 None other than those included in the application forms.

Corporate objectives and priorities

- 5.1 The provision of grants to community projects can contribute to the delivery of the Council's key objectives and priorities. The summary of each project in Appendix 2 includes an indication of how each one contributes.

SUMMARY OF APPLICATIONS

Applicant 1: Councillor Bolton

Project: Lighting on Chapel Lane

Total cost of project: £1,450

Amount of funding requested: £1,450

Wards: Chaddesden

Description:

Most recently we had the unfortunate occurrence of the female body found at the bottom of Chapel Lane near to the Chaddesden brook. We would like two extra streetlights in Chapel Lane, because the two existing lights do not give enough light to cover all the area.

The new lights will improve community safety and will encourage safe walking to local amenities. They will help address the fears of the local community and provide a well-lit footpath that will encourage community participation in the area.

Also local school children from Lees Brook College, Cavendish Close Nursery/Infants/Juniors and Chaddesden Park Infants/Juniors are all in the area.

Some over grown shrubs and trees need to be cut back at the same time. Officers have visited the site and some of foliage that needs cutting back is on private property and the responsibility of the individual householders. Officers will inform local residents by letter to have these works completed. The trees are on council owned land and a request to assess them will be passed on to Commercial Services Department for their attention.

Development and Cultural Services have confirmed that they will maintain the new streetlights and pay for the energy costs for the new lighting.

Corporate objectives		Corporate priorities		Area Panel criteria	
Job opportunities		Minimise increases in Council tax and increase value for money from Council services		Provide a service in response to the needs of the local residents raised at the area panel meeting	
Strong and positive neighbourhoods	✓	Tackle under-achievement in schools		Improve accessibility for local people to existing services	
Education		Promote the city as a major force for industry, commerce, culture and tourism throughout the country and as an equal participant in the East Midlands region.		Contribute to environmental improvements which will provide a benefit to all residents	✓
Protecting and supporting people		Continue plans to remove traffic from city centre streets where this helps people make better use of the city centre and improve transport choices by completing Connecting Derby		Promote area and neighbourhood coordination in the community	
A healthy environment	✓	Develop an integrated management system of the city and district centres to improve their attractiveness and viability		Enable residents to participate within their community and at area panel meetings	
Shops, commercial and leisure activities		Continue to expand doorstep recycling and other recycling activity		Proposal is supported with evidence of need	✓
Integrated cost effective services		Develop plans to improve the fostering service and residential and community care for adults		Evidence that the proposal is sustainable	✓
		Enhance the community leadership role of the Council, both at strategic and neighbourhood level, through partnership working and listening to, and communicating with, the public	✓		
		Respond to people's needs appropriately, on time and first time, by developing a customer focused culture			
		Decide planning applications more quickly while maintaining the quality of decision-making.			