



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

AREA PANEL 2 3 NOVEMBER 2004

Report of Assistant Director of Community Policy

Area Panel Budget Proposals 2004/5

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1.1 The Area Panel 2 budget allocation for 2004/5 is £29,000. The Panel can also carry forward £6,441 from 2003/4.
- 1.2 The Panel is asked to consider one applications for funding received from:

Applicant	Project	Ward	Funds requested
91 st Derby Scout Group	Urgent replacement of roof felt covering	Chellaston	£1,995
Total funding requested			£1,995

- 1.3 A short summary of each project is attached to this report in Appendix 2.
- 1.4 The Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel met on 11 October to appraise each application against the new criteria agreed by Council on 21 April 2004. The purpose of the Appraisal Panel is to support the Area Panel to make decisions about whether to approve applications. The Appraisal Panel has made a series of recommendations for each application and they are included below and in Appendix 2. The recommendations are based on the information provided by the applicants measured against the area panel funding criteria.

Applicant	Project	Appraisal Panel recommendation
91 st Derby Scout Group	Urgent replacement of roof felt covering	Approve. The Appraisal Panel considered that the proposal met the criteria for area panel funding.

- 1.5 The Council constitution states that Area Panels can 'use a delegated budget for local environmental and community purposes'. For applications that do not specifically refer to a local activity, consideration needs to be given to the appropriateness of allocating area panel funding. In deciding whether to support each application, the Panel will assess each funding request against its priorities.

1.6 The new funding criteria, included in the Council Constitution, says that applications need to provide a service in response to the needs of local residents and meet at least one of the following criteria:

- improve access for local people to existing services
- provide a service in response to an issue raised in a community update report
- contribute to improvements which will provide a benefit to local residents
- assist in providing an integrated service in response to an issue raised at an area panel meeting
- enable residents to participate in their community or at area panel meetings.

Applications also need to:

- provide evidence of need for the application
- show evidence that ongoing maintenance or revenue costs have been approved by the relevant Council department, if necessary.

1.7 The priorities for supporting an application are that it:

- is from a voluntary or community group
- shows evidence of match funding or self help
- provides a service in response to the needs of local residents
- will directly benefit people living in the geographical area covered by the area panel
- show evidence of how the project will be sustained beyond the period of funding, if it is not a one-off project
- contributes to the delivery of one or more of the Council's corporate objectives.

1.8 In most circumstances, the amount of funding that the area panel will award to an applicant will be between £50 and £2,000. However, the area panel does have the discretion to award more if it considers the application to be a priority for the area.

1.9 If the proposal is approved in total, the implication for the total budget for Area Panel 2 will be:

Area Panel 2	£
Budget for 2004/5	£29,000
Funds carried over from 2003/4	£6,441
Total funds available for allocation 2004/5	£35,441
Total commitments to date	£12,742
Sub total of proposals to consider in September 2004	£1,995
Budget remaining if proposals for September are approved	£20,704

PROPOSED ACTION

- 2.1 To consider and determine one application for area panel funding.
- 2.2 To note the area panel spend to date in 2004/5 set out in Appendix 3

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List of appendices: Area Panel Budget allocation criteria, Application forms stored on file.
Appendix 1 – Summary of implications
Appendix 2 – Summary of applications and recommendations from the
Area Panel Grants Appraisal Panel
Appendix 3 – Funding approvals for 2004/5

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, the Panel must give reasons for its decision.

Legal

- 2.1 The Area Panel 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:	91 st Derby Scout Group
Project:	Urgent replacement of roof felt covering
Total cost of project:	£2,995
Amount of funding requested:	£1,995
Wards:	Chellaston

Description

The 91st Derby Scout Group occupy premises at the rear of St Edmund's Church Hall, Sinfin Avenue, Shelton Lock. This is a timber building with a shallow pitched roof, on land leased from the church. The building was erected in 1963 and the Scout group has been in existence for many years prior to that date. The building is used four or five times weekly by the various scouting organisations in the area, but for security reasons the building is not otherwise used.

The application seeks assistance with the cost of re-roofing the building. Three estimates have been received and the application is based upon the lowest. The Scout Group have received £1,000 from fund raising organised by the Bridge Inn, Shelton Lock, but their own resources are stretched and they have no other capital to put into the project. The application thus seeks £1,995 from the Panel. Should the application succeed, the work would proceed rapidly, but if the application failed there are no other resources available to the group.

Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel

Approve. The Appraisal Panel considered that the proposal met the criteria for area panel funding.

Area Panel funding criteria

The application must provide a service in response to the needs of local residents	✓
In addition, the application must meet at least one of the following:	
Improve access for local people to existing services.	✓
Provide a service in response to an issue raised in a community update report or at an area panel.	
Contribute to environmental improvements which will provide a benefit to local residents	✓
Assist in providing an integrated service in response to an issue raised at an area panel meeting.	
Enable residents to participate in their community or at area panel meetings	✓

Area Panel funding priorities

Community or voluntary group	✓
Shows evidence of match funding or self help	✓
Provides a service in response to the needs of local residents	✓

Directly benefit people living in the geographical area covered by the area panel	✓
Evidence of how the project will be sustained beyond the period of funding	
Contributes to the delivery of one or more of the objectives or priorities set out in the Council's Corporate Plan	✓

Corporate objectives – the application must meet at least one	
Job opportunities	
Strong and positive neighbourhoods	✓
Education	
Protecting and supporting people	
A healthy environment	
Shops, commercial and leisure activities	
Integrated, cost effective services	

AREA PANEL 2 FUNDING APPROVALS 2004/5						
Area Panel Budget for 2004/5				£29,000		
Budget carried forward from 2003/4				£6,441		
Total budget available for allocation in 2004/5				£35,441		
Sub-total allocated to date				£11,242		
Balance available for allocation				£24,199		
Applicant	Project	Amount requested	Amount approved	Date approval given	Grant paid	Ward
Sinfin Community Council/ Sinfin Carnival	Sinfin carnival funding	£1,000	£1,000	5 May 2004	Yes	Sinfin
Wye Street Neighbourhood Watch	Start up costs	£200	£200	5 May 2004	Yes	Alvaston
172 Derby Cub Scouts, Alvaston	Camping equipment	£1,288	£1,288	5 May 2004	Yes	Alvaston
Merrill Way Allotment Association	Secure storage building	£2,000	£2,000	5 May 2004	Yes	Chellaston
Sankukai Karate	Training mats	£640	£640	5 May 2004	Yes	Boulton
New Sinfin Community Panel	Mobile BMX track hire	£418	£418	7 July 2004	Yes	Sinfin
Booth Street Area Community Neighbourhood Watch	'White' lighting for street lights at junction of Booth, Radford, Benson and Neilson Streets	£900	£900	7 July 2004	Yes	Alvaston
Osmaston Community Association	Garden project	£2,040	£1,200	7 July 2004	Yes	Sinfin
United Alvaston Community Panel	Community Fun Day	£700	£700	7 July 2004	Yes	Alvaston
Sinfin Sharks Football	Kit, equipment, training	£3,500	£500	7 July 2004	Yes	Sinfin

Club	facilities, match fees					
38 th Derby Rainbows	Funding for the local Rainbows Group	£396	£396	7 July 2004	Yes	Alvaston
St Martin's Methodist Church	Disabled toilet	£2,000	£2,000	7 July 2004	Yes	Boulton
Sinfin Moor over 60's club	Social and cultural activities	£2,000	£1,000	22 September 2004	Yes	Sinfin
GAD Khalsa Sports Club	Youth development	£2,000	£500	22 September 2004	Yes	Sinfin
Total			£12,742			