



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

**AREA PANEL 4  
29 NOVEMBER 2006**

# ITEM 11

Report of Head of Stronger and Safer Communities Unit

## Area Panel 4 Budget Proposals 2006/7

### SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1.1 Area Panel 4 budget allocation for 2006/7 is £17,472. The panel has an additional budget of £942 carried forward from 2005/6, which means that a total budget of £18,414 is available for allocation to projects during this financial year.
- 1.2 Area Panel 4 is asked to consider whether to support the applications received. A short summary of each project is attached to this report in Appendix 2
- 1.3 A summary of applications funded in the current financial year are in Appendix 3
- 1.4 The Council Constitution states that the Area Panels can 'use a delegated budget for local environmental and community purposes'. Therefore, if an application does not specifically refer to a local activity, consideration needs to be given to the appropriateness of allocating area panel funding to the project. In deciding whether to support each application, the area panel will assess the funding request against the funding criteria and its priorities.
- 1.5 The funding criteria states 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.
- 1.6 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.
- 1.7 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.

1.8 If the funding applications are approved, the implications for the total budget for Area Panel 4 in 2006/07 will be:

	<b>Area</b>			
Budget for 2006/7	£17,472			
Carried forward from 2005/6	£942			
Funds returned due to under spend on projects:	£686			
▪ King George V Pre School Playgroup -£167				
▪ Gayton Swimming Club - £519				
<b>Total Budget available for 2006/07</b>	<b>£19,100</b>			
	<b>Blagreaves</b>	<b>Littleover</b>	<b>Mickleover</b>	
Total commitments to date	£2,752	£333	£333	£3,418
<b>Total available to allocate at this meeting</b>	<b>£15,682</b>			

<b>Funding Applications to consider in November 2006</b>					<b>Officer Advice</b>
Mickleover Aikido Club	£0	£103	£1,845	£1,948	Approve
Littleover Lane Allotments	£800	£0	£0	£800	Approve
<b>Sub-total of proposals to consider at this meeting</b>	<b>£800</b>	<b>£103</b>	<b>£1,845</b>	<b>£2,748</b>	
<b>Budget remaining</b>	<b>£12,934</b>				

## PROPOSED ACTION

2.1 To consider and determine applications for area panel funding.

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**Background papers:** Area Panel Budget allocation criteria, Application forms stored on file.  
**List of appendices:** Appendix 1 – Summary of implications  
Appendix 2 – Summary of applications  
Appendix 3 - Area panel 4 funding approvals 2006/7

## **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 £25,000, Area Panel 4 must give reasons for its decision.

#### **Legal**

- 2.1 Area Panel 4 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 £25,000 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 Corporate Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services and Deputy Chief Executive 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.

## Appendix 2: Summary of applications and officer advice

<b>Applicant 1:</b>	<b>Mickleover Aikido Club</b>
<b>Project:</b>	Equipment and Advertising
<b>Total cost of project:</b>	£1,948
<b>Amount of funding requested:</b>	£1,948
<b>Wards:</b>	Mickleover, Littleover

<b>Officer Advice</b>
Approve.

### Description

The Mickleover Aikido Club was established in April 2006 and trains at the Vicarage Road pavilion in Mickleover. There are 12 students at the moment but the club expects 20 at any one time to benefit, there is no limit to the number of students, as long as there is room to train. Currently there are seven children in the club and five live in Mickleover.

To establish the club the senior Instructor borrowed the mats, paid for badges, wooden training instruments and the rent for the first few months of the classes. The club now covers its own running costs from membership fees of £5 for adults and £3 for children. Adults who help with teaching do not pay for lessons. This income pays for the room hire, refreshments and bus fares.

The club currently uses training mats which belong to Aikido Union England and they will require these mats back as soon as another club starts. The club now wants to improve their equipment and increase their membership levels.

This application is for new floor mats for training, a storage box and wooden training equipment as well as some childrens uniforms and to pay the Evening Telegraph to deliver publicity information to every house in Mickleover and Littleover. More mats will allow the club to teach bigger classes.

Aikido is a very active past time and encourages people of all ages to learn self-defence and promote positive living. Self defence clubs promote healthy living, establishing friendships, giving people the opportunity to learn something that they would be able to use if they were to ever have the misfortune to be attacked, gives people self confidence and makes them more positive.

The club have also received funding from Tesco Limited of £250.

<b>Cost</b>	<b>Activity or item</b>
£1000	Training mats x 20 Average price quoted from several suppliers
£177	Mat Storage x 1
£206	Advertising
£420	Wooden Training Equipment
£125	Children's training uniforms
<b>£1,948</b>	<b>Total</b>

**Applicant 2:** Littleover Lane Allotments  
**Project:** Boundary Fence  
**Total cost of project:** £1,400  
**Amount of funding requested:** £800  
**Wards:** Blagreaves

Officer Advice
Approve

**Description:**

Littleover Lane Allotments was established in 1920 and provide a service for the local community where they encourage groups, schoolchildren and other organised parties to visit their allotments. The Area Panel funded the Allotment Association in 2002/3 for £5,000 to build a horticultural centre, in 2004/5 for £600 to contribute to a new toilet block and in 2005/6 for £2,000 to provide a community room.

In the past year, over 1,000 visits have been made by schoolchildren on organised trips as well as visitors on the open days and people from the Wetherby Daycare centre.

This project is to provide 24 metres of 2.4 metre high security fencing to replace the inadequate fence owned by Derby City Council between Sunnydale Allotments and their own site. This fencing has been breached on four occasions this year resulting in thefts of property valued at over £5,000.

The fence is the responsibility of the City Council and the Sunnydale Allotments, not Littleover Lane Allotments. However, the Council department responsible for the allotments has no cash to fund the replacement and Sunnydale Allotment Society has no money available to make a contribution. Other requests for financial support from the Police and Community Safety Partnership have proved fruitless.

The Littleover Lane Association has taken the initiative because many of the Littleover Lane members have suffered losses and the association will provide £400 towards the costs for the fencing and in addition one member has made a donation of £200. However, the Association have insufficient funds to fund the whole project.

If the allotments are a secure environment, this will deter crime and make the surrounding neighbourhood a safer place.

The Allotment Association is supporting the new Allotment Watch Scheme that will come into operation on 1 January 2007 and this will help protect the site.

### Appendix 3

AREA PANEL 4 FUNDING APPROVALS 2006/07						
Area Panel Budget for 2006/7				£17,472		
Budget carried forward from 2005/6				£942		
Total budget available for allocation in 2006/7				£18,414		
Funds returned due to under spend during previous years				£686		
Total budget allocated in 2006/7				£3,418		
Applicant	Project	Amount requested	Amount approved	Date approval given	Grant paid	Ward
Blagreaves Neighbourhood Care Group	Serving the elderly in the community	£1,500	£970	28 June 2006	£970	Blagreaves
Carlisle Against Crime	Community Facility and Cafe	£1,448	£1,448	27 September	£1,448	Blagreaves
126 Squadron Air Training Corps	Purchase of Land rover	£550	£1,000	27 September	£1,000	Blagreaves, Littleover, Mickleover