



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

AREA PANEL 1
5 SEPTEMBER 2007

Report of Head of Stronger and Safer Communities Unit

ITEM 10

Area Panel 1 Budget Proposals 2007/8

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1.1 Area Panel 1 budget allocation for 2007/8 is £23,292. The panel has an additional budget of £3,838 carried forward from 2006/7, which means that a total budget of £27,130 is available for allocation to projects during this financial year.
- 1.2 Area Panel 1 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 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.
- 1.4 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.
- 1.5 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.
- 1.6 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.

1.7 If the funding applications are approved, the implications for the total budget for Area Panel 1 in 2007/8 will be:

	Chaddesden	Derwent	Oakwood	Spondon	Area
Budget for 2007/8	£5,823	£5,823	£5,823	£5,823	£23,292
Carried forward from 2006/7	£213	£230	£4,653	£1,258*	£3,838
Funds returned due to underspend on projects in 2006/7: Nottingham Road and District Allotment Association	£40	£0	£0	£0	£40
Total Budget for 2007/8	£6,076	£6,053	£10,476	£4,565	£27,170
Total commitments to date. *In 2006/7 Spondon allocated £1,258 to projects in Spondon Ward using the Oakwood Ward allocation	£873	£461	£213	£2,789	£4,336
Total available to allocate at this meeting	£5,203	£5,592	£10,263	£1,776	£22,834

Funding Applications – September 2007						Officer advice
Derby Live at Home	£774	£606	£0	£0	£1,380	Approve
27 th Derby Chaddesden Scout Group	£3,500	£0	£0	£0	£3,500	Approve
Oakwood Community Association	£0	£0	£5,563	£0	£5,563	Approve
Derwent into Gardening	£0	£182	£0	£0	£182	Approve
Sub-total of proposals to consider at this meeting	£4,274	£788	£5,563	£0	£10,625	
Budget remaining if proposals are approved	£929	£4,804	£4,700	£1,776	£12,209	

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 and officer advice Appendix 3 - Area panel 1 funding approvals 2007/8

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 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 £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 priorities

- 5.1 The provision of grants to community projects can contribute to the delivery of the Council's key priorities.

Appendix 2

Applicant 1: Derby Live at Home
Project: Transport Costs
Total cost of project: £37,550
Amount of funding requested: £1,380
Wards: Chaddesden and Derwent

Suggested officer advice
Approve.

Description:

On 6 June 2007 the Area Panel funded £1,064 for the Spondon Scheme and £168 for the Chaddesden Scheme from Oakwood Ward, however the panel deferred a decision on £1,568 for the Chaddesden scheme. Chaddesden and Derwent ward Councillors requested confirmation of the specific addresses of the users who attended the Chaddesden scheme.

In response, Derby Live at Home went through the details of their Chaddesden Scheme members by address and checked it against the Derwent and Chaddesden ward boundaries. A copy has been sent to the Chaddesden and Derwent Councillors. An amended list and request for funding has now been submitted.

The Derby Live at Home Project has nine different schemes across Derby looking after 866 older people over 60 living in their own homes to enhance their quality of life, reduce isolation and sustain them in their independent living. The whole service costs over £300,000 with the majority of funding coming from MHA Care Group, in addition Adult Social Services provide over £60,000 and Derby City PCT over £10,000. The service relies on volunteers who visit regularly, provide transport and the opportunity to go to weekly luncheon clubs and social activities as well as outings and holidays and other special events.

This request for funding is for a contribution to the transport costs of the Chaddesden Scheme. Other than salaries, the main running cost, which is always difficult to fund is transport. The shortfall and all other running expenses have to be made up by donations, fundraising, charging members for the services provided and grants.

The Chaddesden scheme has 134 members, 12 volunteers and a weekly luncheon club that 39 members attend at St Albans Church hall on Roe Farm Lane – there are other activities including outings and Holidays. There are 50 members living in Derwent ward and 60 members living in Chaddesden ward as at May 2007.

The Chaddesden Scheme requires two minibuses plus two cars for their Lunch Club. Last year's shortfall for funding the transport costs came out of general income, fund raising and donations but some donors have not increased their contributions in line with inflation and therefore the group is seeking additional sources of funding. Area Panel 1 contributed £168 to the Chaddesden scheme from the Oakwood ward at the meeting on 6 June 2007.

Having revised their application, the request from Derby Live at Home is to the Derwent and Chaddesden wards has been reduced from £1,568 to £1,380. Made up as:

Chaddesden - £774
Derwent - £606

Applicant 2: 27th Derby (Chaddesden) Scout Group
Project: Disabled Access Improvements
Total cost of project: £7,000
Amount of funding requested: £3,500
Wards: Chaddesden

Suggested officer advice
Approve. However, officers note the request is for £1,500 more than the guideline amount. Approval needs to be made subject to confirmation that any planning approvals have been granted.

Description:

The Scout Group has about 100 members and supports one Beaver colony, two Cub packs, and one Scout group with over 90% of their members living in Chaddesden ward. Their premises on Meadow Lane, Chaddesden are also used for private parties, a local hockey club, a dog club and by the city council for exhibitions. The scout group provide opportunities that help remove young people from the streets and eliminate possible vandal problems and educate them within the parameters of the Scout Association, which gives them a sense of purpose and worth.

This project aims to improve the access to their premises for the disabled. They plan to modify the existing two toilets to provide one that is fully accessible to disabled users, to improve access and egress at all external doors with the introduction of ramps and to modify some internal doors.

The improvements will provide more opportunities for disabled youngsters to join the scout group and an improved environment for all organizations and their disabled users using the Scout Headquarters as a venue for events such as social functions and the City Council for elections or exhibitions.

The Scout group is raising the remaining £3,500 themselves with the main sources being car parking on Derby County match days as well as hiring the premises and members weekly subscriptions.

The group plan to start work soon and to complete the work in October 2007.

The group received a grant of £2,500 in June 2005 to replace their old hot air heating system.

Applicant 3: Oakwood Community Association

Project: Community Centre Improvements

Total cost of project: £5,563

Amount of funding requested: £5,563

Wards:

Suggested officer advice
Approve.

Description:

Oakwood Community Association was set up in 1992. The number of people using the centre continues to grow with over 1,800 people currently using the centre with over 90% living locally. Agencies and groups using the centre include the Police, Youth Service, Connexions, Brownies, Guides, Scouts, Mother and Toddlers and other community groups.

The Community centre Provide a New Floor for the Hall in the Centre

Provide small tables for the young children who use the centre

Provide external notice board for advertising the centre, it will highlight all projects and publicise all Users who use the centre

Without the new floor the centre will soon be not be able to be used by the 20 users groups we got in the centre from Dance groups, karate, Scout and Guides, Youth Club, Connections, Mother & Toddlers groups, Keep Fit Groups.

The little tables are required since the old tables are starting to fall to bit and are starting not to be safe. The little toddlers can't use the big tables.

Area Panel 1 funded Oakwood Community Centre in March 2006 with £2,300 to contribute to the work to tackle the drainage and car park surface

Oakwood CA were awarded a grant on 3 August 2007 for £1,429 to cover the cost of

Kitchen equipment £200

Web site design £250

Anti vandal paint £729

Promotional Event £250 (this is an event they are going to run to coincide with their AGM to try and get more support on the committee)

Marg is just drawing up the funding agreement and will be sending it out to them shortly.

They normally apply each year to us for a grant and are working hard to improve the centre which for many years had lacked investment on the internal fabric.

£4,683	New Flooring for the Centre
£280	Notice board External
£600	New Small Tables
£5,563	Total

Applicant 3: Derwent Into Gardening
Project: Workstation Expenses
Total cost of project: £182
Amount of funding requested: £364
Wards: Derwent

Suggested officer advice
Approve.

Description:

Derwent into Gardening – DIG, was set up in July 2003 by a group of residents in Derwent who wanted to swap seeds and plants. Over 100 residents became involved and it developed into group who grew flowers, herbs and vegetables and involved children in holiday time. The group aims to promote the value of gardening, healthy eating and promoting communities in Derwent.

They arrange trips both locally and nationally and have developed links with other organisations such as the Environmental and Sustainability Unit the Green Gym and Evergreen Normanton. There is now a regular children's group, a community garden on Wiltshire Road and regular attendance at events to sell products.

Derwent Into Gardening have now been offered the chance to have a desk at Derwent Delivers on Wiltshire Rd. The desk will provide them with the opportunity to be in the public eye to promote what they are doing to a wider community.

This request for funding is to cover 50% of the costs of a desk and email facilities for one year up to October 2008. The desk and space will be provided by Derwent Delivers for one year at a cost of £364.

Derwent Community Team will be providing a computer for the group to use.

This will make a huge difference to DIG members as not all of the group have access to a computer or Internet. At the moment all the files and records are kept at the secretary's house, which is not accessible to members.

The desk will provide accessibility to everyone, especially members with disabilities.

It will also provide a central point for members and visitors, where new members can come in to talk to whoever is on the desk. A desk diary will allow everyone to access information about dates/events/plant sales.

In addition, having a base within Derwent Delivers will benefit the group by being part of a network of other voluntary groups/agencies who will be using the office such as Derwent Time Bank, Job Centre and Connexions. Young people using these services can be encouraged to volunteer with D.I.G.

To help cover the cost the desk and facilities will be shared with a local business – Plants From The Past, which will pay for 50% of the costs.

DIG is aiming to raise funds throughout the year to help sustain the cost of the rental in future years.

Appendix 3

AREA PANEL 1 FUNDING APPROVALS 2007/8						
Area Panel Budget for 2007/8				£23,292		
Budget carried forward from 2006/7				£3,838		
Funds returned form projects 2006/7				£40		
Total budget available for allocation in 2007/8				£27,170		
Total budget allocated in 2007/8				£4,336		
Applicant	Project	Amount requested	Amount approved	Date approval given	Grant paid	Ward
The Big 1 Event – Community Steering Group	Big 1 @ Chaddesden park	£765	£765	6 June 2007	Yes	Oakwood
Derwent Time Bank	Derwent Time Bank	£726	£726	6 June 2007	Yes	Spondon, Oakwood Chaddesden
Chaddesden Women's Institute	Community Outreach	£270	£270	6 June 2007	Yes	Derwent, Oakwood Chaddesden
Derby Live at Home	Transport costs	£2,800	£1,232	6 June 2007	Yes	Oakwood, Spondon
Spondon Youth Club	IT Skills and Career Guidance Information	£1,343	£1,343	6 June 2007	Yes	Spondon