



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

AREA PANEL 3 22 JUNE 2005

Report of Assistant Director - Community Policy

Area Panel Budget Proposals 2005/6

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1.1 The Area Panel 3 budget allocation for 2005/6 is £22,000. The Panel also has an additional budget of £6,928 carried forward from 2004/5, which means that a total budget of £28,928 is available for allocation to projects during this financial year.
- 1.2 The area panel is asked to consider whether to support five applications for funding received from:

Applicant	Project	Ward	Funding requested
Derby Sports Development Team	Area Panel 3 Football Tournament	Arboretum, Abbey and Normanton	£343
Kurdish Community Association	Kurdish Advisory Project	Arboretum, Abbey and Normanton	£2,000
One Voice Ek Awaaz - OVEA	Equipment for OVEA Community Involvement Programme	Arboretum, and Normanton	£1,897
St Luke's Parish Church	Resurfacing pedestrian footways around the church building	Abbey	£1,463
Amara-Chi Better Play Project	Provide safer windows, improved security and refurbish training studio	Normanton, Arboretum	£2,000
Total funding requested			£7,703

- 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 9 May 2005 to appraise each application against the new criteria agreed by Council on 21 April 2004. The purpose of the appraisal panel is to consider and appraise each application to support the area panel to make decisions to approve or reject applications. The Appraisal Panel has made a series of recommendations for each application and they are stated in the table in paragraph 1.5. More details about the recommendations are included in Appendix 2. The recommendations are based on the information provided by the applicants measured against the area panel funding criteria.

1.5 Appraisal Panel Recommendations

Applicant	Project	Recommendation
Derby Sports Development Team	Area Panel 3 Football Tournament	Approve
Kurdish Community Association	Kurdish Advisory Project	Defer
One Voice Ek Awaaz - OVEA	Equipment for OVEA Community Involvement Programme	Reject
St Luke's Parish Church	Resurfacing pedestrian footways around the church building	Approve
Amara-Chi Better Play Project	Provide safer windows, improved security and refurbish training studio	Approve

1.6 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.

1.7 The funding criteria state that applicants 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.

1.8 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
- shows 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.

- 1.9 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.
- 1.10 If these six proposals are approved, the implications for the total budget for Area Panel 3 in 2005/6 will be:

Area Panel 3	£
Budget for 2005/6	£22,000
Budget carried forward from 2004/5	£6,928
Total commitments to date	Nil
Total budget available for allocation in 2005/6	£28,928
Sub-total of proposals to consider in June 2005	£7,703
Budget remaining if proposals for June are approved	£21,225
Abbey ward	
Budget for 2005/6	£7,333
Budget carry forward from 2004/5	£1,819
Total commitments to date	Nil
Balance available for allocation in 2005/6	£9,152
Sub-total of proposals to consider in June 2005	£2,244
Budget remaining if proposals for June are approved	£6,908
Arboretum ward	
Budget for 2005/6	£7,333
Budget carry forward from 2004/5	£2,003
Total commitments to date	Nil
Balance available for allocation in 2005/6	£9,336
Sub-total of proposals to consider in June 2005	£2,729
Budget remaining if proposals for June are approved	£6,607
Normanton ward	
Budget for 2005/6	£7,333
Budget carry forward from 2004/5	£3,106
Total commitments to date	Nil
Balance available for allocation in 2005/6	£10,439
Sub-total of proposals to consider in June 2005	£2,729
Budget remaining if proposals for June are approved	£7,710

PROPOSED ACTION

- 2.1 To consider and determine five applications 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 applications and recommendations from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel Appendix 3 – Funding approvals for 2004/5

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 3 must give reasons for its decision.

Legal

- 2.1 Area Panel 3 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.

Applicant 1: Community Sports Development Team**Project:** Area Panels Football Tournament**Total cost of project:** £2,995**Amount of funding requested:** £344**Wards:** Abbey, Normanton and Arboretum**Description**

The Sports Development team are organising a citywide 5 a side football tournament in September/October 2005 for year 6 students at junior schools. There will be one tournament organised for each of the five area panels and it will be held at one of the local secondary schools. The winners and runners up from each area panel tournament will go forward to a citywide final where they will represent their area panel.

The aim of the event would be to enable youngsters, parents, teachers and local football clubs to learn about their area panel. It would be an opportunity for councillors and staff to meet residents in a friendly, safe and fun environment.

Each tournament will be held at a local secondary school improving links between the secondary and primary schools and local football clubs. It will also give local football clubs the opportunity to establish links with local schools and also to recruit players for their clubs.

Other local service providers such as the police and other council departments would be able to attend the events, bring along information to distribute to residents and have the opportunity to introduce themselves.

The Sports Development team are working on the project with Derby County Football in the Community, local football clubs and the schools. So far two football clubs have agreed to support the events.

The area panels are being asked to contribute to the costs of their own tournaments and 14 T-shirts for their winners and runners up to wear. The Sports Development team has already attracted the necessary funding for the final event.

In total, a contribution of £344 is being requested from each area panel to fund:

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| ➤ Venue hire | £90.00 |
| ➤ Pitch marking | £46.00 |
| ➤ Referees | £48.00 |
| ➤ 14 medals winners/runners up | £42.00 |
| ➤ Certificates for participants | £20.00 |
| ➤ 14 T-shirts in Area Panel colours | £98.00 |

Match funding for whole project:

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| ➤ Derby County Football in the Community | £360 |
| ➤ DCC Sports Development | £720 |
| ➤ Sports King | £200 |
| ➤ Total | £1,280 |

Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel
Approve.

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	

Applicant 2: Kurdish Community Association**Project:** Kurdish Advisory Project**Total cost of project:** £2,000**Amount of funding requested:** £2,000**Wards:** Abbey, Normanton and Arboretum**Description**

This project will provide advice, support and signposting services for the local Kurdish Community. At present the applicant is providing the advice, support and guidance in a voluntary capacity to statutory partners in housing, police, community safety partnership, immigration, NHS PCT's, legal firms, council and others when required. He is also advising community members and also translating and interpreting for several organisations. It is hoped that there may be alternative funding within the local area or seek alternative funds. Although the evidence base for this type of service is there this will be seen as a pilot project.

On receipt on funding it is intended to provide a service based on an hourly basis - whether that involves liaising with statutory partners or providing one to one support to community members. It is anticipated that the funding will cover 3 months but is all dependent on the amount of support required.

Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel

Reject. No business plan and insufficient evidence about the project or its sustainability.

Area Panel funding criteria

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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 a 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	

Applicant 3: One Voice Ek Awaaz - OVEA

Project: Equipment for OVEA Community Involvement Programme

Total cost of project: £ **Amount of funding requested: £1,897**

Wards: Abbey, Normanton and Arboretum

Description

One Voice Ek Awaaz was formed as a direct consultation between several outreach workers working with BME communities and residents living in Normanton and Peartree areas of Derby. It was also formed as a result of the closure the Rycote Centre and the need to re-house the people using the centre. One of the activities that OVEA has been running has been Social events which aim to encourage participation from the community and to encourage people to meet and to take part in events. We have also encouraged the formation of smaller groups which we actively support. The groups are composed of people from the local area and regularly meet at One Voice Ek Awaaz premises. We are requesting money from the area Panel to pay for furniture and equipment to ensure that our clients are comfortable and will participate in more events organised by OVEA. All of our events are normally well attended.

OVEA has access to a minibus which will enable residents to participate in events happening in and around the community. We envisage that One Voice Ek Awaaz will actively be involved in organising or working in partnership with other organisations to arrange these community events. They have spoken to many people within the community and who stated they would attend events arranged by OVEA. We are already having social events and group meetings in the office which are well attended. Half of our committee members are disabled and from local BME communities and again they highlighted social activities and getting together as an issue.

They have requested funding from the panel to purchase the following items. They have been asked to provide 3 quotations for each of these items:

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| • 5 Stacking Meeting Room tables at £64.99 each | £324.95 |
| • Fridge/Freezer | £299.00 |
| • 12 Stacking Chairs at £26.99 each | £323.88 |
| • Microwave | £150 |
| • Vacuum Cleaner | £150 |
| • Kettle | £20 |
| • Wooden Frame Seating for reception (triple seat) | £269.99 |
| • Small coffee table for reception | £59.99 |
| • TV plus DVD for learning and training videos | £300 |

We are already working in partnership with existing services such as Derby City Partnership, Normanton partnership Network, Disability Direct, CamTAD, Social Services, JET, Sure Start, Umbrella and Primary Care Trust, Asian Advisory Services, NWEF, Walbrook, Hallmark and Derwent Living and will be inviting these organisations to do local outreach sessions on a regular basis from our offices. This will improve access for local people to existing services. Two Health visitors one working with young children and the other with general public will be holding regular drop in sessions from our office. Umbrella is already inviting their local clients to drop in sessions on Thursday. Camtad will also be having sessions from June onwards. Saath Saath (a parents group for parents of disabled children are already meeting in the premises) and have already started training sessions on driving theory tests, which is aimed at helping parents with language problems.

Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel

Reject as the applicant has not provided sufficient evidence of the need for this project. The costs for some of the items were felt to be excessive and there is little evidence of sustainability.

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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	

Applicant 4: St Luke's Parish Church**Project:** Resurfacing pedestrian footways around the church building**Total cost of project:** £1,463**Amount of funding requested:** £1,463**Wards:** Abbey

Description The pathways bordering the church and community areas have much deteriorated. The proposal is to re-surface 90% of the paths and introduce additional benches so that the environment can be better enjoyed. This project follows on from last year's repairs to the boundary wall. It will transform the area around the church building and have a beneficial impact upon the residents of Churchside.

The group have got three quotes for the work which range as follows:

- Groundwork Erewash Valley propose using compacted limestone £1,463.00

The other quotations are for different materials, the companies quoting for a tarmac surface

- Techniblock Ltd £10,892.25
- Driveway & Landscaping Ltd £10,300.00

The group would appreciate any help that the panel can give to make this project happen. If the panel cannot provide the amount of money requested, they will make up the difference.

Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel	
Approve.	

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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 a 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	

Applicant 5: Amara-Chi Better Play Project

Project: Provide Sessional Day Care After-School Service for 4 - 16 year olds.

Total cost of project: £2,000

Amount of funding requested: £2,000

Wards: Normanton, Arboretum

Description

The applicants wish to replace top floor windows which are considered unsafe with shatter proof double glazed types, improve security to two cellar doors and refurbish the development training studio by supplying and fitting shatter proof glass window and work benches and by decorating wall, ceiling and floor.

The project provides Sessional Day Care After-School Service for Children from 4 – 16 years to build their confidence, self-esteem, respect for others, positive vocational role model development through various training workshops including Cultural Dancing, Story telling, Homework and IT development, Revision for exam training and Cultural performance to demonstrate skills.

Children from Peartree and Arboretum as well as Normanton area, access this project from Local Schools which have established contact with the project. The positive role modelling image of the project through the development service provided, helps to reduce criminal tendency and creates better image for PearTree/Normanton which removes the negative stereotype associated with this part of Derby.

Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel

Approve.

Area Panel funding criteria

The application must provide a service in response to the needs of local residents	✓
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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	
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Integrated, cost effective services	