



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

AREA PANEL 4 27 SEPTEMBER 2006

Report of Head of Stronger and Safer Communities Unit

Area Panel 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 The Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel met on 11 September 2006 to appraise the applications against the agreed criteria. The purpose of the Appraisal Panel is to support the Area Panel to make decisions about whether to approve applications. Recommendations are based on the information provided by the applicants measured against the area panel funding criteria.

Applicant	Project	Ward	Funding requested	Officer advice
Carlisle Against Crime	Community Facility and Cafe	Blagreaves	£1,448	Approve
126 Squadron Air Training Corps	Purchase of a Land Rover	All wards	£550	Reject
Total funding requested			£1,998	

- 1.3 A short summary of the projects is attached to this report in Appendix 2.
- 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 proposals are approved, the implications for the total budget for Area Panel 4 in 2006/7 will be:

Area Panel	
Budget for 2006/7	£17,472
Total carried forward from 2005/6	£942
Total available for 2006/7	£18,414
Funds to be returned due to under spends on projects:	£167
▪ King George V Pre School playgroup - £167	
Total commitments to date	£970
Sub total of proposals to consider in September 2006	£1,998
Budget remaining if proposals for September are approved	£15,613
Blagreaves Ward	
Total commitments to date	£970
Sub total of proposals to consider in September 2006	£1,632
Littleover Ward	
Total commitments to date	£0
Sub total of proposals to consider in September 2006	£183
Mickleover Ward	
Total commitments to date	£0
Sub total of proposals to consider in September 2006	£183

PROPOSED ACTION

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

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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.

Applicant 1:	Carlisle Against Crime
Project:	Community Facility and Cafe
Total cost of project:	£1,648
Amount of funding requested:	£1,448
Wards:	Blagreaves

Description:

Carlisle Against Crime was set up in 1999 to tackle issues in the area around Carlisle Avenue. They hold regular meetings at King George V Park Pavilion Building for local residents to discuss and react to local issues, particularly anti social behaviour. The group brings local people together to solve local issues. Councillors, Police, Derby Homes and Derby Parks also attend their meetings.

During the summer, the group developed its activities and set up a Community Café in the pavilion on King George V playing fields with a contribution from Area Panel 4. The Cafe brings together local park users for a cup of tea and chat about local issues. Derby Parks, Derby Homes and Youth Offending Service officers also drop in and discuss issues with local residents.

The Café has been a great success and they aim to make it self funding. It is contributing towards the 'coffee shop' culture and is encouraging more people to use the park which adds to the security for the park.

This application is for funding to improve the facilities within the pavilion. New blinds and chairs are needed to enhance the use and security of the facility. The improvements will develop the Café initiative and also support the youth initiative which engages and works with young people to improve their social and employment skills and will encourage other voluntary and local groups to use the pavilion. Other groups, including Slimmers World, have expressed an interest in using the pavilion if the seating, privacy and security were improved.

Currently there are about 50 metal chairs with padded seats that are heavy and old. The volunteers at the Community Café find the chairs difficult to put up, clear away and store on a daily basis.

In addition to the volunteer time to run the Community café other funding is coming from Littleover Community Panel for crockery and cutlery and Derby Homes contribute towards the rental costs for the café this year.

Derby Parks fully support the application and will take on the maintenance responsibility for the blinds and the chairs. If the application is successful the old chairs will be stored at Darley Fields for occasional use.

£626	Purchase and fitting of blinds to front and side elevation
£822	50 Chairs
£1,448	Total

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 set out in the Council's Corporate Plan	✓

Applicant 2: **126 Squadron Air Training Corps**

Project: Purchase of a land rover

Total cost of project: £25,000

Amount of funding requested: £550

Wards: Mickleover, Littleover and Blagreaves.

Description:

The squadron is seeking funding towards the purchase of a Long Wheel Base Land Rover that will be able to carry up to 8 cadets both on and off road. The vehicle will also be capable of towing either a baggage trailer or mobile radio station, both of which the squadron already owns, and additional luggage on a roof rack.

The Air Training Corps was established in 1938 and 126 Squadron, which is located on part of the old RAF Alvaston, parades Monday and Thursday from 7.30 – 9.30 pm.

The squadron currently has 130 cadets. Whilst currently only about 22% of the cadets are from within the Area Panel 4 region, with a further 51% from within the other 4 Area Panels, this distribution does change with time and the facilities are open to all who wish to join. The balance of the cadets come from the surrounding areas of Derbyshire from Ashbourne down at Etwell. There are 13 uniformed staff, 3 civilian instructors and 5 regular attendees from the Civilian committee and are volunteers.

Currently the squadron have the restricted use of a vehicle, which is owned by one of the uniformed staff, available only when he is involved in the particular activities.

The Land Rover would be used to tow the radio station to remote areas allowing cadets to complete their 'City and Guilds' certificates in amateur radio use and to tow the equipment trailer to France where cadets were taken on a tour of the Normandy battlefield sites.

It will also be used to attend sport events, adventure training activities, such as rock climbing, canoeing, orienteering and shooting training and competitions as well as Duke of Edinburgh award expeditions.

The squadron is also involved in charity fund raising, Poppy day appeal, Tsunami disaster fund, Asian relief fund, Battle of Britain day collections for the RAF as well as helping to raise money for the purchase of our vehicle through bag packing and car washing.

Maintenance, insurance and fuel costs will be provided by the squadron and RAF. The Territorial Army will provide garaging.

The group received £1,000 from Area Panel 2 in June 2006 towards the cost. They applied to Area Panel 1 but were not allocated any funding. They have also applied to Area Panels 3 and 5 asking for contributions of £350 and £200 to raise a further £550.

They aim to raise the funding and purchase the land rover by May 2007.

Sources of funding	Amount
Amount raised from Cadet subscriptions, fund raising and other donations	£8,660
Area Panel 2	£1,000
Fund raising currently organized for 2006 – bag pack event, car wash	£1000 - estimated
Gift aid refund for 2005/06	£3,103
Total raised	£13,763

The balance of £11,237 will come from additional cadet fundraising events, the requests to area panels and further requests for grants.

Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel	
Reject. The project is not specifically focused on activities in Area Panel 4 but is a city wide service with only a limited number of members from Area Panel 4.	
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 set out in the Council's Corporate Plan	✓

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 underspend during previous years				£167		
Total budget allocated in 2006/7				£970		
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