



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

AREA PANEL 1 **1 NOVEMBER 2006**

Report of Head of Stronger and Safer Communities Unit

Area Panel 1 Budget Proposals 2006/7

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1.1 Area Panel 1 budget allocation for 2006/7 is £23,292. The panel has an additional budget of £1,083 carried forward from 2005/6, which means that a total budget of £24,375 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 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 1 in 2006/07 will be:

	Chaddesden	Derwent	Oakwood	Spondon	Area
Budget for 2006/7	£5,823	£5,823	£5,823	£5,823	£23,292
Carried forward from 2005/6	£915	-£235	£0	£403	£1,083
Funds returned due to underspend on projects in 2005/06: Community Church Derby - £682	£682	£0	£0	£0	£0
Total Budget for 2006/07	£7,420	£5,588	£5,823	£6,226	£24,375
Total commitments to date	£1,211	£0	£801	£1,282	£3,294
Total available to allocate at this meeting	£6,209	£5,588	£5,022	£4,944	£21,763

Funding Applications – November 2006						Officer advice
Community Church Derby	£1,810	£0	£0	£0	£1,810	Approve
Chaddesden Park Allotments	£3,548	£148	£1,922	£222	£5,840	Approve, partial
Derby Community Transport/Derwent Community Team	£0	£2,000	£0	£0	£2,000	Approve
Derwent Neighbourhood Team	£0	£2,000	£0	£0	£2,000	Approve
Spondon Parent and Toddler Group	£0	£0	£0	£200	£200	Approve
Sub-total of proposals to consider at this meeting	£5,358	£4,148	£1,922	£422	£11,850	
Budget remaining if proposals are approved	£851	£1,440	£3,100	£4,522	£9,913	

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 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 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 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 Church Derby
Project: Chaddesden Kidz Klub
Total cost of project: £4,582
Amount of funding requested: £1,810
Wards: Chaddesden

Suggested advice from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel
Approve.

Description:

This application was deferred at the last area panel meeting to wait for details about their previous grant of £1,000 for the Chaddesden Help and Support Project in 2005/6. An under spend on £681 has now been returned to Area Panel 1.

Community Church Derby have set up a Kidz Klub open to all children in years 1 to 7 in the Chaddesden ward area it is based on successful other Kidz Klubs nationally. It is based at Cherry Tree Junior School and opened on 22 September 2006 with over 100 children attending each night in the first 4 weeks. It will run every Friday in term time between 6.30 and 7.45pm. The Klub has room for up to 150 at one time. They charge 50p a session and this income contributes to the running costs the Klub. They pay a rental fee to the school and use the schools tables and chairs but do not provide food or drink. The Kidz Klub has been promoted in Cherry Tree Junior and Meadow Farm schools with support from the Headteachers.

The Klub is managed by their paid Children's worker with support from 15 volunteers from parents and the Community Church. Volunteers are CRB checked and a health and safety policy is in place.

The aim is to provide a safe environment where young people are able to enjoy themselves and to make a positive contribution to their community. It will be a lively, visual and dynamic Klub including drama, dance, stories, songs and competitions. It will primarily be led from the front so the children will need to see and hear the activities projected onto a screen and played from a DVD. Many activities will need Powerpoint to use visual clips and background music at the same time. Drama activities will need microphones, tie clips or headphones and enhanced lighting is needed.

The project will cost £4,582 to set up and about £2,000 a year to run. Community Church have already bought £2,772 towards the equipment, but are currently hiring and borrowing other equipment from members and have had to borrow equipment purchased for other Community Church activities – which cannot be guaranteed to be available on Fridays.

They are asking for a contribution towards the setting up costs of £1,810 towards the costs of the CD player, cables and leads – currently borrowed from members, laptop and projector – being borrowed from elsewhere. A request for funding was turned down by Egg. Other funding requests are being made to cover revenue costs. The Community Church will meet the other costs.

Equipment needed	Cost
CD Player - £100	£100
Compact projector	£800
Laptop – with Windows XP and MS Office	£500
Cables including 5 XLR leads and 5 Jack leads	£250
Two DI Boxes - £80 each	£160
Total requested	£1,810
Match funding paid by Community Church	
Public Address – PA, 8 channel mixer with an inbuilt amp	£920
Radio and handheld Microphones	£718

DVD/Video Player	£89
Folding Rear Projection screen	£670
Rack for PA and associated storage on wheels	£375
Total	£2,772

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	✓

Applicant 2: Chaddesden Park Allotments Association

Project: Security fencing

Total cost of project: £9,090

Amount of funding requested: £5,840

Wards: Chaddesden, Oakwood, Spondon and Derwent

Suggested advice from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel

Approve. However, officers note that this is the third year the group has requested funding for the same project and the request is above the £2,000 guideline.

Description:

The Chaddesden Park Allotment Association, based on Parkside road, now has 83 members - an increase of 23 members in the last year. The biggest increase has come from Oakwood ward with 16 new members giving a total of 26 members from the ward. There are 48 members living in Chaddesden ward, 3 in Spondon ward and 2 in Derwent with four members living outside Area Panel 1 boundary. 30% of the members are women and 18 children also use the site. The increase in membership is largely due to the improved security fencing at the allotments which has been installed entirely by members with Area Panel 1 funding of £3,506 in 2004/5 and £4,000 in 2005/06.

The association wants to complete their security fencing project by fencing the 174 metre boundary along Maine Drive and the final 50 metres up to Parkside Road on the southern boundary. The new fence will be inside the existing boundary maintaining any hedging that is in place.

The association intend to match fund this project by supplying all the incidental materials like concrete as well as all the labour costs to clear the boundary of debris, dig the postholes, erect and assemble the 2.4 metre high steel palisade fencing. They estimate they will be saving over £3,000 of labour costs if the work was contracted out.

The association has checked every address, using postcodes, against the ward boundaries and have found that members live mainly in Chaddesden and Oakwood wards with 3 from Spondon and 2 from Derwent ward. Therefore the panel may want to allocate funds from all four wards. If the allocation is based on an equal amount for each member living in each ward then Chaddesden ward would allocate £3,548, Oakwood ward - £1,922, Spondon ward - £222 and Derwent ward - £148.

Area Panel funding criteria	
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Improve access for local people to existing services.	✓
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Provide a service in response to an issue raised in a community update report or at an area panel.	✓
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Contribute to environmental improvements which will provide a benefit to local residents	✓
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Assist in providing an integrated service in response to an issue raised at an area panel meeting.	
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Enable residents to participate in their community or at area panel meetings	✓
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Area Panel funding priorities	
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Community or voluntary group	✓
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Shows evidence of match funding or self help	✓
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Provides a service in response to the needs of local residents	✓
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Directly benefit people living in the geographical area covered by the area panel	✓
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Evidence of how the project will be sustained beyond the period of funding	✓
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Contributes to the delivery of one or more of the objectives or priorities set out in the Council's Corporate Plan	✓
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Applicant 3: Derby Community Transport/Derwent Community Team on behalf of Transporting Solutions Steering Group

Project: Derwent Ring and Ride

Total cost of project: £19,635

Amount of funding requested: £2,000

Wards: Derwent

Suggested advice from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel

Approve. The panel may want to make any allocation subject to it being a one off contribution to the wages up to March 31 2007.

Description:

At a public meeting on 8 February 2006 over 70 residents who use Derwent Ring and Ride came to demonstrate about the closure of the service and to ask for the continuation of the Ring and Ride service after 2006. Five residents agreed to help develop a project to continue the service and Derby Community Transport also agreed to take part in developing a new service and assisting in fund raising. Together they set up the Transporting Solutions Steering Group, which consists of 14 residents who have considered several options to keep the service running. They are working to become a constituted group.

Their preferred option is a service operated and managed by Derby Community Transport – DCT on behalf of the Transporting Solutions Steering Group and in conjunction with the Derwent Community Team. The current service is used by 885 residents of Derwent, 21% who are on benefits, 17% are disabled and 62% are older people.

The Transporting Solutions Steering Group estimates it will cost £19,635 to run the service between November 2006 and April 2007. They have secured £15,000 from Derwent Community Team and they anticipate an income of over £2,600 however this still leaves a £2,000 funding shortfall in 2006/7 towards the drivers' wages.

This application is for funding towards the start up costs and specifically to contribute to the costs of the drivers wages from November 2006 to April 2007. The proposal is to start the new service from Monday 13 November, this will be followed by introducing new livery, promoting the service and identifying ways to fund the shortfall in coming years.

For the following 2 years Derwent Community Team have agreed, subject to final approval, to support the service with a further £85,000 to cover the majority of the overheads, the majority of the wages and project management costs. The income from the service will contribute to the annual overheads for the 2 year project until March 2009. The shortfall in the drivers wages will need to be met by match funding.

Cost	Item	Funded by
£7,200	Drivers wages	Derwent Community Team £5,200. Area Panel 1 £2,000
£11,685	Overheads	Derwent Community Team and Revenue
£750	Project management	Derwent Community Team
£19,635	Total	

Area Panel funding criteria

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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	✓

Applicant 4: Derwent Neighbourhood Team

Project: Design out crime at St Marks Church

Total cost of project: Over £20,000

Amount of funding requested: £2,000

Wards: Derwent

Suggested advice from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel

Approve. Subject to more details of the financial commitment being made by St. Marks Church. The panel may want to contribute to a specific element of the project.

Description:

The Derwent Neighbourhood Team was set up in April 2006 to cover the New Deal for Communities area. They are requesting funding to revitalise and design out crime at St Marks Church on the corner of Francis Street and Cornwall Road.

For a number of years, the Church has been subject to anti social behaviour causing costly damage to the flat roof. In addition reports have been received from local residents and community groups about anti social behaviour and graffiti in the area. There is also a problem with drug taking under the concrete steps where it is sheltered and the Neighbourhood Environmental Action Team - NEAT, has collected drugs litter from the church grounds.

The Neighbourhood Team would like to reduce the crime and make the area more environmentally friendly and increase use by local people and groups, to achieve this they plan to:

- remove existing walls and landscape the ground to the same level as the church
- install and paint 110 metres of wrought iron decorative railings
- install grilles to protect the area under the concrete steps
- install 3 pairs of double gates 'in keeping' with the Art Deco church design
- turf the landscaped area
- replace/board the church windows and repair the fire door

In addition to funding from the Church, other match funding has been confirmed by the Police - 1,000 and by the Community Safety Partnership - £2,000/£3,000 towards the project. The NEAT will remove all hedging at no cost. The contribution from St. Marks Church is not yet known however a member of the Neighbourhood team is meeting with members from St Marks Church on 24 October to identify the financial commitment from the Church. Local businesses will also be asked for funding and materials.

This is a one off project and all maintenance work of hedges, landscaping, walls, fire escape and windows will be the responsibility of St Marks church.

Remove existing walls and landscape down to church level, repair fire door and remove fire escape	£3,985 excluding VAT
Install and paint 110 metres of wrought iron decorative railings	£9,000
3 pairs of double gates 'in keeping' with the Art Deco church design	£1,500
Removal of privet hedge - if new railings installed	£2,000
Replace/board windows	Church to fund, awaiting confirmation
Total	£14,485+

Area Panel funding criteria

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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	✓

Applicant 5: Spondon Parent and Toddler Group

Project: Parent and toddler group

Total cost of project: £200

Amount of funding requested: £200

Wards: Spondon

Suggested advice from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel	
Approve.	

Description:

The Spondon Parent and Toddler Group formed about 10 years ago and have about 80 members. The group provides a meeting place for parents/carers to meet others with young children. For most children it is their first opportunity to meet and play with children of their own age. The group meets each Thursday morning during school term time and parents/carers are with their children throughout this session. They aim to keep costs to a minimum, but charge £1 for each adult and 20p for each child. This covers the weekly overheads with a small surplus.

The group is asking for funding to purchase replacement toys and equipment and for materials for 35 weeks of activities such as paint, paper, card, stationary and craft items.

The group has previously relied on donations of materials, and used places that recycle materials with limited success. In recent months they have been unable to find anything suitable from this source.

The group will use their small weekly surplus to maintain the group and new toys and equipment for the foreseeable future.

£95	replacement toys and equipment
£105	materials for weekly activities - paint, paper, card, stationary, craft items
	Total

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	✓

Appendix 3

AREA PANEL 1 FUNDING APPROVALS 2006/07						
Area Panel Budget for 2006/7				£23,292		
Budget carried forward from 2005/6				£1,083		
Total budget available for allocation in 2006/7				£24,375		
Funds returned due to underspend on projects in 2005/06				£682		
Total budget allocated in 2006/7				£3,294		
Applicant	Project	Amount requested	Amount approved	Date approval given	Grant paid	Ward
AFC Crusaders	Soccer school	£2,000	£2,000	6 September 2006	£2,000	Chaddesden, Oakwood, Spondon
Nottingham Road and District Allotments Association	Fence for Meadow Farm Primary School allotments	£392	£392	6 September 2006	£392	Chaddesden
Springwood Leisure Centre	Car park lighting	£250	£100	7 June 2006	Work to be done by Council	Oakwood
Derby City Council WildDerby Summer Scheme	WildDerby Summer Scheme	£802	£802	7 June 2006	Work done by Council	Spondon, Oakwood Chaddesden