



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

AREA PANEL 3 30 MARCH 2005

Report of Assistant Director - Community Policy

Area Panel Budget Proposals 2004/5

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1.1 The Area Panel 3 budget allocation for 2004/5 is £22,000. The Panel also has an additional budget of £5,778 carried forward from 2003/4, which means that a total budget of £27,778 is available for allocation to projects during this financial year. A list of projects funded so far in 2004/5 is attached to this report in Appendix 3. The budget remaining for this financial year is £8,953.
- 1.2 The area panel is asked to consider whether to support one application for funding received from:

Applicant	Project	Ward	Funding requested
Hindu Culture and Welfare Society of Derby	Friday Luncheon Club	Normanton and Arboretum	£2,000
Total funding requested			£2,000

- 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 7 December 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
Hindu Culture and Welfare Society of Derby	Friday Luncheon Club	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 new funding criteria mean 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.
- 1.8 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
 - 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.
- 1.9 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 this one proposal is approved, the implications for the total budget for Area Panel 3 in 2004/5 will be:

Area Panel 3	£
Budget for 2004/5	£22,000
Budget carried forward from 2003/4	£5,778
Total commitments to date	£18,825
Total budget available for allocation in 2004/5	£8,953
Sub-total of proposals to consider in March 2005	£2,000
Budget remaining if proposals for March are approved	£6,953
Abbey ward	
Budget for 2004/5	£7,333
Budget carry forward from 2003/4	£1,793
Total commitments to date	£6,700
Balance available for allocation in 2004/5	£2,426
Sub-total of proposals to consider in March 2005	nil
Budget remaining if proposals for March are approved	£2,426
Arboretum ward	
Budget for 2004/5	£7,333
Budget carry forward from 2003/4	£650
Total commitments to date	£5,273
Balance available for allocation in 2004/5	£2,710
Sub-total of proposals to consider in March 2005	£1,000
Budget remaining if proposals for March are approved	£1,710
Normanton ward	
Budget for 2004/5	£7,333
Budget carry forward from 2003/4	£3,334
Total commitments to date	£6,852
Balance available for allocation in 2004/5	£3,815
Sub-total of proposals to consider in March 2005	£1,000
Budget remaining if proposals for March are approved	£2,815

PROPOSED ACTION

- 2.1 To consider and determine one application for area panel funding.
- 2.2 To note the area panel spend to date in 2004/5 set out in Appendix 3.

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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

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 1 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: Hindu Culture and Welfare Society of Derby**Project:** Friday Luncheon Club**Total cost of project:** £2,422**Amount of funding requested:** £2,000**Wards:** Normanton and Arboretum**Description**

This group is looking for funding to support the provision of a luncheon club for Hindu Asian elderly people, to be based at the Hindu Cultural and Welfare Society of Derby, Peartree, Derby. They have identified a need for a luncheon club on Fridays for Asian elderly people. They currently provide Asian snacks at the club, which is regularly used by 40 – 60 people.

Presently there is a kitchen at the site, with worktops, a cooker, a sink, a fridge, a microwave. However, the much of this is domestic equipment, which has been donated to the centre and there is a need for some more heavy duty equipment. They have requested funding to purchase some additional equipment to enable them to set up the luncheon club and provide a hot, nutritious meal for Asian vegetarians. They would like funding to purchase and erect a sign and the purchase of a commercial cooker and some tables and chairs. They have agreed to provide written quotes for these items.

The Club is run by volunteers from the Hindu Culture and Welfare Society of Derby. Once it is fully established, it will be sustained by making a small charge of 50p per meal. The lunch club may, in future, be associated with welfare advice/health advice time, either prior to or after the meal. The premises is not currently a registered with DCC as a 'registered food premises' so they have been given a registration form and advised to register as soon as possible.

There are already a number of luncheon Club in Normanton and Peartree but this group have demonstrated the need for an additional luncheon club that provides vegetarian and vegan food. The development of this luncheon club is part of an ambitious project to build a new Temple and Community Centre. The group were recently awarded an Awards for All grant of £5,000 for professional fees for this project and to hold two consultation events. They also hope to make a successful bid for NRF funding to support this project.

The Council has already funded the purchase of equipment for a luncheon club at the Geeta Bhaven Hindu Temple. However, this club is for women and the facilities are very small and not suitable for use by 40-60 people at one time. These premises are not accessible to disabled people, there is only one very small toilet and no car parking facilities.

The area panel considered this application in January 2005. The decision was deferred to give the applicant more time to provide evidence of need to support their application.

Breakdown of proposed expenditure:

8 x folding tables at £65 each	£520
1 x aluminium wall signs with colour logo and lettering	£358
1 x fitting for the sign	£ 45
1 x cast iron cooker	£1,499
Total	£2,422

The total cost of the project is £2,422. The group is seeking a contribution of £2,000 from the area panel and proposes to fund the shortfall of £422 from their own resources.

Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel	
Approve – subject to becoming a registered food premises and obtaining the necessary planning consents for the erection of a new sign.	

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	

Appendix 3

AREA PANEL 3 FUNDING APPROVALS 2004/5						
Area Panel Budget for 2004/5				£22,000		
Budget carried forward from 2003/4				£5,778		
Total budget available for allocation in 2004/5				£27,778		
Sub-total allocated to date				£18,825		
Balance available for allocation				£8,953		
Applicant	Project	Amount requested	Amount approved	Date approval given	Grant paid	Ward
CAST Trust	Stockbrook Community Week	£2,500	£2,500	12 May 2004	Yes	Abbey
Friends of St Joseph's School	Purchase 2 waterproof gazebos for community events	£140	£140	12 May 2004	Yes	Arboretum
Asian Over 60's	New carpet for women's club meeting room	£500	£500	12 May 2004	Yes	Normanton and Arboretum
St Luke's Parish Church	Repair of boundary wall	£2,359	£1,500	12 May 2004	Yes	Abbey
Derby Central Youth Association	Trip to Pakistan	£2,500	£2,000	14 July 2004	Yes	Normanton and Arboretum
Serbian Orthodox Community Group	Purchase of kitchen furniture to enable services to local residents	£2,100	£2,000	14 July 2004	Yes	Abbey, Normanton and Arboretum
20 th Derby (St Augustine's) Scout Group	Preventative measure to tackle vandalism	£2,000	£2,000	10 November 2004	Yes	Abbey, Normanton and Arboretum
Amnesty Congo	Purchase of instruments	£2,445	£1,175	10 November 2004	Yes	Normanton and

Support Group	and equipment					Arboretum
Derbyshire Housing Aid	CCTV equipment for Night Shelter	£3,000	£1,000	10 November 2004	Yes	Abbey
Ikhlas Foundation	Ikhlas Saturday School	£2,100	£2,100	10 November 2004	Yes	Normanton and Arboretum
Normanton Allotments Society	Repair of stone steps	£1,318	£1,318	10 November 2004	No	Normanton
Bishop Lonsdale CE (Aided) Primary and Nursery School	Course for parents/ carers/ on Strengthening Families and Community Parent Programme	£200	£200	19 January 2005	Yes	Abbey
Duke of Edinburgh Award Group based at Bemrose Community School	Equipment for Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme	£2,000	£1,500	19 January 2005	Yes	Arboretum, Abbey and Normanton
Indus Project	How to drug proof your kids	£1,096	£892	19 January 2005	Yes	Normanton and Arboretum
Total			£18,825			