



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

AREA PANEL 3
8 SEPTEMBER 2004

Report of Director of 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.
- 1.2 The panel is asked to consider whether to support three applications for funding received from:

Applicant	Project	Ward	Funding requested
Amnesty Congo Support Group	Purchase of traditional African instruments and sound system	Arboretum and Normanton	£3,770
Derbyshire Housing Aid	CCTV provision for Night Shelter on Boyer Street	Abbey	£2,665
Normanton Allotments Society Limited	Repairs to steps that provide access to the allotments	Normanton	£1,318
Total funding requested			£7,753

- 1.3 A short summary of each project is attached to this report in Appendix 2.
- 1.4 The applications meet the criteria previously agreed by Area Panel 3. However, 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 must be given to the appropriateness of allocating area panel funding to these city-wide projects. In deciding whether to support each application, the area panel will assess the funding request against its priorities.

- 1.5 The reasons recommended for supporting an application are that it:
- meets the criteria for area panel funding
 - provides evidence of need
 - enables residents to participate in activities within their community
 - provides a service in response to the needs of local residents as raised at the area panel meeting
 - contributes to improvements which will provide a benefit to all residents
 - is capable of rapid implementation, and can have a significant impact in a short time
 - provides evidence that the proposal will be sustained beyond the level of funding required
 - contributes to the delivery of the Council's corporate objectives and priorities.
- 1.6 If these three proposals are 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	£8,640
Total budget available for allocation in 2004/5	£19,138
Sub-total of proposals to consider in September 2004	£7,753
Budget remaining if proposals for September are approved	£11,385
Abbey ward	
Budget for 2004/5	£7,333
Budget carry forward from 2003/4	£1,793
Total commitments to date	£4,400
Balance available for allocation in 2004/5	£4,726
Sub-total of proposals to consider in September 2004	£2,665
Budget remaining if proposals for September are approved	£2,061
Arboretum ward	
Budget for 2004/5	£7,333
Budget carry forward from 2003/4	£650
Total commitments to date	£2,190
Balance available for allocation in 2004/5	£5,793
Sub-total of proposals to consider in September 2004	£1,885
Budget remaining if proposals for September are approved	£3,908
Normanton ward	
Budget for 2004/5	£7,333
Budget carry forward from 2003/4	£3,334
Total commitments to date	£2,050
Balance available for allocation in 2004/5	£8,617
Sub-total of proposals to consider in September 2004	£3,203
Budget remaining if proposals for September are approved	£5,414

PROPOSED ACTION

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

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Background papers:	Area Panel Application Forms
List of appendices:	Appendix 1 – Implications Appendix 2 – Summaries of each application for funding Appendix 3 – Project Spend 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, the Panel must give reasons for its decision.

Legal

- 2.1 The Area Panel 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 form.

Equalities impact

- 4.1 None other than those included in the application form.

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: Amnesty Congo Support Group

Project: Purchase of traditional African instruments and sound system

Total cost of project: £3,770

Amount of funding requested: £3,770

Wards: Arboretum and Normanton

Description:

This group have requested funding to purchase musical instruments for their modern and traditional band in order to share and promote their cultural music with the local community in Derby. They have requested funding for the following items:

Drum kit	300	X6 traditional African costumes✓	600
2 electric guitars	400	Maracas✓	30
1 bass guitar	200	Likemre*	100
African drums✓	275	Kingongo*	75
Keyboard*	220	2 bangos✓	150
1 PS Sound system✓	550	1 Jembe✓	120
2 speakers✓	600	1 Harmonica	30
6 Microphones✓	120	Total	£3,770

The group have been asked to provide written quotes for the supply of all of these items by the end of August. They have also indicated that the items marked with a tick are the top priority items. The estimated cost of these priority items is £2445. The items marked with an * are the next priority.

This group were recently awarded £2,160 by the Small Change Award for a cultural event. This will form part of Derby's Cultural Diversity Celebrations and provide an opportunity for people from different communities to come together and learn about Congolese culture. The event will be held in Normanton and will include Congolese food, music, art and dance. The small change award will cover the cost of the hire of equipment including stage, instruments and costumes.

Corporate objectives		Corporate priorities		Area panel criteria	
Job opportunities		Develop an integrated management system of the city and district centres to improve their attractiveness and viability		Provide a service in response to the needs of the local residents raised at the area panel meeting	✓
Strong and positive neighbourhoods	✓	Continue to expand doorstep recycling and other recycling activity		Improve accessibility for local people to existing services	
Education		Tackle under achievement in schools		Contribute to environmental improvements which will provide a benefit to all residents	
Protecting and supporting people		Enhance the community leadership role of the Council, both at strategic and neighbourhood level, through partnership working and listening to, and communicating, with the public		Promote area and neighbourhood coordination in the community	
A healthy environment		Respond to peoples needs appropriately, on time and first time, by developing a customer focused culture		Enable residents to participate with in their community and at area panel meetings	✓
Shops, commercial and leisure activities		Promote the city as a major force for industry, commerce, culture and tourism throughout the country and as an equal participant in the East Midlands region.		Proposal is supported with evidence of need	
Integrated cost effective services				Evidence that the proposal is sustainable	

Applicant 2: Derbyshire Housing Aid**Project:** CCTV provision for Night Shelter on Boyer Street**Total cost of project:** £2,665**Amount of funding requested:** £2,665**Wards:** Abbey**Description**

This group are experiencing problems with crime and anti-social behaviour around the shelter and feel that the installation of CCTV will act as a deterrent and help to ensure that the night shelter does not cause a problem for local people. They have requested funding to install a CCTV system with 4 cameras at the Night Shelter to improve safety of the staff, volunteers, shelter residents and the local community.

The group have provided 3 quotations for this work. However, they have been asked to supply evidence that they have discussed this application and the problems that they are facing with the local Community Crime Prevention Officer and undertaken a thorough crime reduction risk assessment. This is important as the police may feel that other measures would be more appropriate to tackle the problems. The group has also been asked to provide evidence of self-help and match funding and asked to approach the Small Change Fund who are currently keen to identify projects in this part of the city.

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Applicant 3: Normanton Allotments Society Limited**Project:** Repair of steps to access the allotments**Total cost of project:** £3,953**Amount of funding requested:** £1,318**Wards:** Normanton**Description**

Access to the Normanton allotments is via a door on Hadden Street, which leads to a set of steps. These steps are over 70 years and were identified to be in need of replacement/repair by Derby City Council Inspectors in 2003. Local gardeners, the 80 tenants and their families and local user groups such as Dale community Primary School all use the steps and environmental and safety improvements are urgently needed. The provision of a safer set of steps and a handrail would remove some of the anxieties of the Society about the safety of tenants and user groups. The Council's Parks department own the allotments. As such they are responsible for the upkeep of the steps but they have been unable to identify sufficient funds to carry out this work. The Society have suggested that one forward could be a three-way split of the total costs between Parks, area panel 3 and the Society. They have asked the panel for a contribution of £1,318 to the overall cost of the project. They have provided three quotes for the work.

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Sub-total allocated to date				£8,640		
Balance available for allocation				£19,138		
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		Abbey, Normanton and Arboretum
Total			£8,640			