



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

## AREA PANEL 5 4 OCTOBER 2006

Report of Head of Stronger and Safer Communities Unit

### Area Panel Budget Proposals 2006/7

#### SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1.1 The Area Panel 5 budget allocation for 2006/7 is £17,472. The Panel has an additional budget of £380 carried forward from 2005/6, which means that a total budget of £17,852 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	Funds requested	Officer Advice
126 (City of Derby) Squadron ATC	Purchase of Landrover	All wards	£200	Reject
Allestree Bowling Club	New pavilion	Allestree and Darley	£2,000	Defer
Allestree Netball Club	Club development	Allestree	£3,540	Approve
Highways Maintenance	Replace existing handrail on Well Street	Darley	£700	Approve
<b>Total</b>			<b>£6,440</b>	

- 1.3 A short summary of each project 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 5 in 2005/6 will be:

<b>Area Panel 5</b>	<b>£</b>
Budget for 2006/7	£17,472
Funds carried over from 2005/6	£380
Total funds available for allocation 2006/7	£17,852
Total commitments to date	£3,439
<b>Total available to allocate this meeting</b>	<b>£14,413</b>
Sub total of proposals	£6,440
<b>Budget remaining if proposals for October 2006 are approved</b>	<b>£7,973</b>

- 1.9 A summary of the financial implications of the proposals by ward is provided below.

<b>Allestree ward</b>	
Budget for 2006/7	£5,950
Carry over from 2005/6 - <i>money owing to Mackworth ward</i>	-£115
Total available in Allestree	£5,835
Total commitments to date	£1,939
<b>Total available to allocate this meeting</b>	<b>£3,896</b>
Sub total of proposals for October 2006	£5,107
<b>Budget remaining if proposals for October 2006 are approved</b>	<b>-£1,211</b>
<b>Darley Ward</b>	
Budget for 2006/7	£5,952
Carry over from 2005/6 - <i>money owing to Mackworth ward</i>	-£3,614
Total available in Darley	£2,338
Total commitments to date	£0
<b>Total available to allocate this meeting</b>	<b>£2,338</b>
Sub total of proposals for October 2006	£1,266
<b>Budget remaining if proposals for October 2006 are approved</b>	<b>£1,072</b>

<b>Mackworth Ward</b>		
Budget for 2006/7		£5,950
Carry over from 2005/6 – payments from Darley and Allestree		£3,729
Total available in Mackworth		£9,679
Total commitments to date		£1,500
<b>Total available to allocate this meeting</b>		<b>£8,179</b>
Sub total of proposals for October 2006		£67
	<b>Budget remaining if proposals for October 2006 are approved</b>	<b>£8,112</b>

## PROPOSED ACTION

- 2.1 To consider and determine the applications for area panel funding.
- 2.2 To note the Area Panel 5 funding still available for 2006/07.

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<b>IMPLICATIONS</b>
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**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, 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 organizations 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 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.

**Applicant 1:** 126 City of Derby Squadron ATC

**Project:** Purchase of Land Rover

**Total cost of project:** £25,000

**Amount of funding requested:** £200

**Wards:** All wards

### **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 the 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 3% of the cadets are from within the Area Panel 5 region, with a further 70% 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 Etwall.

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 applied to Area Panel 3 for £350 and received £150 and have also applied to Area Panel 4 for a contribution of £550.

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

If funded by Area Panel 5 it is suggested the amount is divided equally between each ward.

<b>Sources of funding</b>	<b>Amount</b>
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
Derbyshire Constabulary	£500
<b>Total raised</b>	<b>£14,263</b>

The balance of £10,737 will come from additional cadet fundraising events, the requests to area panels and further requests for grants.

<b>Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel</b>	
Reject. The project is not specifically focused on activities in Area Panel 5 but is a city wide service with only a very limited number of members from Area Panel 5.	
<b>Area Panel funding criteria</b>	
The application must provide a service in response to the needs of local residents	✓
<b>In addition, the application must meet at least one of the following:</b>	
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	✓
<b>Area Panel funding priorities</b>	
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:** Allestree Bowling Club

**Project:** New Pavilion

**Total cost of project:** £25,000

**Amount of funding requested:** £2,000

**Wards:** Allestree

**Description:**

Allestree Bowling Club was formed in 1937 and is located on Robin Croft Road at the edge of Allestree Recreation Ground. There are 136 members who use the facilities as well as visiting teams and spectators. 80% of the membership live in Area Panel 5, the majority live in Allestree ward with a significant number from Darley ward.

The club acknowledges that other Bowling clubs are developing their facilities and feedback from the existing club members and visiting players has indicated the need to improve the facilities at Allestree. The club believe that improved facilities would be well received by the local community, helping to sustain healthy levels of membership over future years.

The club aim to purchase and construct a timber framed pavilion which will provide improved facilities for catering, toilets and social meeting areas. The club aim for the local community to benefit as well as existing and future members.

The application to Area panel 5 will be allocated towards the start of the project and go towards the foundation work and the connection of services for water, electricity and waste if sufficient funds are available. Work still to complete includes Planning approvals and discussions with the Council.

Allestree Bowling Club will contribute £10,000 from current reserves plus membership loans and donations. Fundraising events are planned including a joint event with Spondon bowls club in September 2006. Other funds will be applied for from:

- Awards for all – assumed allocation £5,000
- East Midlands Community Fund – assumed allocation £1,000
- WREN – assumed allocation - £5,000
- Sport England – assumed allocation £5,000

In addition the Club members will manage the project and take responsibility for ongoing maintenance of the facilities.

If funded by Area Panel 5, it is suggested that £1,500 is allocated from Allestree ward and £500 from Darley ward.

<b>Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel</b>
Defer. The negotiations with the Council have only just begun and the project details need to be developed more.

<b>Area Panel funding criteria</b>	
The application must provide a service in response to the needs of local residents	✓
<b>In addition, the application must meet at least one of the following:</b>	
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	✓

<b>Area Panel funding priorities</b>	
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 3:** **Allestree Netball Club**

**Project:** Club Development

**Total cost of project:** £6,457

**Amount of funding requested:** £3,540

**Wards:** Allestree

**Description:**

Allestree Netball Club was first set up in November 2004. There are now over 90 members and numbers are increasing all the time with the majority of members living in Allestree.

As the membership has grown the club can now enter more teams into the Tuesday Grass roots League and also set up a Saturday morning league, which they aim to run as part of the clubs development. The club now trains at Woodlands Community School and has developed links with the school to support the coaching needs. Two junior members have now gone to County trials and the club have entered their first tournaments.

Netball is currently attracting a lot of national and local interest, and the club is offering an opportunity to local young people especially to get involved in a local club and give them something to do.

In response to the increase in membership there are 8 new teams planned which puts pressure on the club to train and develop their volunteers in coaching, umpiring, managing, first aid and the duty of care. The All England Netball Association will provide the training.

In addition, new equipment and kit is needed for the new members especially the junior teams and members.

The club has been fundraising, increasing membership and training fees and relying on members to pay for their own courses to help cover the costs and maintain the club development. Fundraising activities have included raffles, a 24 hour sponsored netball marathon in July, and business donations. The club expects the development to cost £6,457

<b>Cost</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Contribution from Club</b>
£80	First Aid Course for 4 members @ £40 each. - 50% contribution	£80
£160	Duty of Care Course for 4 team managers at £40 each	Nil
£250	Coaching Course - 50% contribution. Level 1 for 4 members @ £40 Level 2 for 2members @ £170	£250
£210	Umpiring Course. - 50% contribution. Level one for 4 members @ £25. Level B for 2 members @ £160	£210
£80	Working with Children course. 50% contribution For 4 members @ £40 each - essential for volunteer members	£80
£80	Managers course. 50% contribution. For 4 team managers @£20, all new volunteers	£80
£190	10 size 4 netballs @ £6 each, 10 soft balls @£3 and 20 reaction balls @£5	Nil
£80	First Aid Kit for 4 teams x £40 each. 50% contribution	£80
£2,153	Kit for 8 new teams: 2 ladies squads for 16 members @ £60 ea = £960 - 50% contribution 3 juniors squads for 16 members @ £50 ea = £800 - 50% contribution 3 'High 5' Under 11's for 21 members @ £30 ea = £210.75% contribution	£1,837
£100	Transport to attend Netball Tournaments at Brean Sands and Prestatyn in Wales in May and June 2007. Contribution of 50% of the minibus hire.	£300
<b>£3,540</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£2,917</b>

The club aim to sustain their development and continue training their volunteer members by maintaining their successful fundraising activities and collecting membership fees.

<b>Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel</b>	
Approve. The Appraisal panel noted that the request is for more than the £2,000 guideline.	

<b>Area Panel funding criteria</b>	
The application must provide a service in response to the needs of local residents	✓
<b>In addition, the application must meet at least one of the following:</b>	
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	✓

<b>Area Panel funding priorities</b>	
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 4:** Highways Maintenance

**Project:** Replace existing handrail on Well Street

**Total cost of project:** £1,500

**Amount of funding requested:** £700

**Wards:** Darley

**Description:**

In October 2005 the 80 residents of Strutt's Park and Rivermead House submitted a petition asking for a repair of St Alkmunds Well and also the installation of a handrail to create a safe route for some of the more vulnerable and infirm residents who regularly use Well Street. Derby Homes and Derby City Council Highways and Transport Division have been working together to address the issues raised by the residents.

The Highways Maintenance Group have been looking into the issue of installing a handrail to replace a section that has been missing for some time. The well and handrail are located within the Strutt's Park Conservation Area. As a result the Conservation Area Advisory Committee have been consulted on the proposal to install a handrail. The Highways Maintenance Group have now received quotes and will install a handrail to replace the missing section.

However, due to the conservation status of the area, the Highways Maintenance Group feel that it would be appropriate to replace the handrail which is located at the top end of Well Street so that both sections will appear uniform and be sympathetic to the conservation status. Unfortunately, the Highways Maintenance budget cannot be used to replace the top section of handrail as in maintenance terms it is still fit for purpose and in a safe condition for residents to use.

This application is therefore submitted to Area Panel 5 to assist by funding a replacement of the existing handrail section at a cost of £700. This cost is to cover the price of the existing handrail section and installation. The replacement of the missing section of handrail will be funded through the Highways Maintenance budget.

Should the application for funding be rejected by the Area Panel, the existing section of handrail will not be replaced.

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	✓
<b>In addition, the application must meet at least one of the following:</b>	
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	
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<b>Area Panel funding priorities</b>	
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 5 FUNDING APPROVALS 2006/07						
Area Panel Budget for 2006/7				£17,472		
Budget carried forward from 2005/6				£380		
Total budget available for allocation in 2006/7				£17,852		
Funds returned due to underspend during previous years				0		
Total budget allocated in 2006/7				£3,439		
Applicant	Project	Amount requested	Amount approved	Date approval given	Grant paid	Ward
73rd Derby (Allestree) Scout Group	Stacking chairs	£1,939	£1,939	12 July 2006	£1,939	Allestree
Brackensdale Ave Neighbourhood Watch	Signs and alarms	£1,500	£1,500	12 July 2006	£1,500	Mackworth