



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

AREA PANEL 3 18 January 2006

Report of Assistant Director - Community Policy

Area Panel Budget Proposals 2005/6

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1.1 The Area Panel 3 budget allocation for 2005/6 is £22,000. The Panel also has an additional budget of £6,928 carried forward from 2004/5, which means that a total budget of £28,928 is available for allocation to projects during this financial year.
- 1.2 The area panel is asked to consider whether to support the following applications:

Applicant	Project	Ward	Funding requested
Aasra Project	Transport costs	Normanton, Arboretum	£3,000
ACE Neighbourhood Base	Furniture for Multifunction room	Normanton, Arboretum and Abbey	£7,571
Derby Women's Centre	Personal development programme	Normanton, Arboretum and Abbey	£4,182
Sahakar Group	Running costs	Normanton Arboretum and Abbey	£4,000
Ikhlas Foundation	Saturday/Sunday School	Normanton and Arboretum	£3,060
Derby West Indian Association Credit Union	Central heating boiler	Normanton Arboretum and Abbey	£1,674
Total Funding requested			£23,487

- 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 12 December 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.

1.5 Appraisal Panel Recommendations

Applicant	Project	Recommendation
Aasra Project	Transport costs	Approve
ACE Neighbourhood Base	Furniture for Multifunction room	Defer
Derby Women's Centre	Personal development programme	Approve in part
Sahakar Group	Running costs	Approve in part
Ikhlas Foundation	Saturday/Sunday School	Approve
Derby West Indian Association Credit Union	Central heating boiler	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 funding criteria state that applicants 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
 - shows 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 these five proposals are approved, the implications for the total budget for Area Panel 3 in 2005/6 will be:

Area Panel 3	£
Budget for 2005/6	£22,000
Budget carried forward from 2004/5	£6,928
Total commitments to date	£15,708
Funds to be returned due to under spend on projects - football tournament – June 2005	£146
Total budget available for allocation in 2005/6	£13,366
Sub-total of proposals to consider in January 2006	£23,487
Budget remaining if proposals for January are approved	- £10,121
Abbey ward	
Budget for 2005/6	£7,333
Budget carry forward from 2004/5	£1,819
Total commitments to date	£7,227
Funds to be returned due to under spend on projects - football tournament – June 2005	£49
Balance available for allocation in 2005/6	£1,974
Sub-total of proposals to consider in January 2006	£5,809
Budget remaining if proposals for January are approved	- £3,835
Arboretum ward	
Budget for 2005/6	£7,333
Budget carry forward from 2004/5	£2,003
Total commitments to date	£4,390
Funds to be returned due to under spend on projects - football tournament – June 2005	£49
Balance available for allocation in 2005/6	£4,995
Sub-total of proposals to consider in January 2006	£8,839
Budget remaining if proposals for January are approved	- £3,844
Normanton ward	
Budget for 2005/6	£7,333
Budget carry forward from 2004/5	£3,106
Total commitments to date	£4,090
Funds to be returned due to under spend on projects - football tournament – June 2005	£48
Balance available for allocation in 2005/6	£6,397
Sub-total of proposals to consider in January 2006	£8,839
Budget remaining if proposals for January are approved	- £2,442

PROPOSED ACTION

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

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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 2005/6

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 3 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 £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.

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:	Aasra Project
Project:	Transport Costs
Total cost of project:	£4,000
Amount of funding requested:	£3,000
Wards:	Normanton and Arboretum

Description:

Aasra is a new group set up in October 2005. They aim to support the needs people living in Normanton and Arboretum wards and from Asian communities. They provide support for carers caring for elderly people or people with learning difficulties. The project will benefit about 15 elderly people and younger people with learning disabilities. There are activities that they can access during the week at the weekend there is currently no provision available. Saturday sessions will provide respite for the carers and opportunities for those being cared for to socialise and reduce isolation at weekends.

The gap in weekend services has been left by Aekta Carers, which closed in September 2005. Some volunteers then conducted some research involving over 70 carers who identified the need for Saturday care. Aasra was then set up in October to provide low-level service to older people from the Asian community. This service is supported by Social Services who have provided a grant of £1,000 towards equipment to start up the project.

Donations by individuals, committee members and in kind contributions will help cover the estimated costs of £1,000 for food, refreshments, speakers and other activities including yoga, art and craft, jigsaws and board games. Sessions will run from 9.30am until 2.30pm on a Saturday. This funding request is to cover the transport costs for the first year estimated at £3000 based on a quote from Derby Community transport.

Aasra aims to apply for other funding including Small Change to develop the project in the future.

Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel	
Approve. The Appraisal panel notes that the request is above the £2,000 guideline.	

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: ACE Neighbourhood Base

Project: Furniture for Multifunction room

Total cost of project: £102,000

Amount of funding requested: £7,571

Wards: Normanton, Arboretum and Abbey

Description:

ACE was originally set up in 1994. They provide a variety of services for local people and they anticipate nearly 6,000 people, nearly all from Area Panel 3 area, will benefit from their services.

ACE is currently setting up a new neighbourhood base on Browning Circle and this request for funding is to provide furniture for the new multi-function room at the base. The construction of the room was due to be completed in December 2005.

The base will provide advice facilities and allow local residents to access services on-line using up-to-date laptop computers. Other services will be a place for groups to meet and other organisations/agencies to deliver advice/information sessions such as Smoking cessation and Disability Direct.

The funding is for:

£4,721	6 Multi function tables with chairs
£500	Bookcase/Filing Cabinets/Printer cartridges
£2,350	Ergonomic chairs
£7,571	Total

ACE aim to attract additional funding of over £102,000 for the whole project. This includes funding from the Council Community Grant Budget – not yet confirmed, Transforming Your Space, Fairshare - not yet confirmed and a contribution from their nursery income.

Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel

Defer. The Appraisal panel notes that the request is above the £2,000 guideline and additional information is needed about what the different sources of funding for the base have been used for.

Area Panel funding criteria

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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 3: Derby Women's Centre

Project: Personal development programme

Total cost of project: £4,182

Amount of funding requested: £4,182

Wards: Normanton, Arboretum and Abbey

Description

The Derby Women's Centre is a resource for all women in Derby, regardless of background, age or culture. Over 80% of the centre users are from the Normanton, Abbey, Arboretum wards. We aim to improve quality of life for women who are in need, hardship or distress. In order to do this it provides advice and information, for which we have the quality mark. Last year over 4,900 women accessed the centre. 224 attended courses on Anger and Stress Management, assertiveness and self-protection. 59 women have expressed an interest in personal development.

We also provide support sessions, counselling, therapies and courses, pregnancy testing, smoking cessation advice and a legal surgery. We facilitate support groups for Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse. We also run art classes for women with mental health problems.

This request for funding is to run three Personal Development courses. The first will start in February 2006 and the last will finish in February 2007. The course will increase the skill and creativity of our users to suit the needs of each individual, within a safe and welcoming environment. The course will benefit 36 women in three sessions of twelve over a 1 year period. The courses will cover: communication and listening skills; confidence building/self esteem and creative expression workshop.

We will provide women with a 'Personal Development Plan'. The courses will be run as separate overlapping modules. When these have been completed, we will monitor and assess the course. When we can prove the course is a success we will be able to apply for other funding streams.

£2,160	Tutor/Facilitator Fees for 36 people at £60 each
£144	Crèche Facilities
£300	Publicity materials, postage and stationary
£2,604	Sub Total
£720	Room Hire – Including, heating, lighting and cleaning
£498	15% Management Costs
£360	Volunteer Expenses
£4,182	Total

The centre receives a grant from the Community Grants Budget to fund the salaries of the key workers at the centre and Lloyds TSB have provided funding for rental costs 2005/6.

Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel
Approve in part. The Appraisal panel notes that the request is above the £2,000 guideline. Approve the tutors fees and crèche facilities however some of the other costs are not clearly additional such as the management costs, volunteer expenses and room hire.

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 set out in the Council's Corporate Plan	✓

Applicant 4: Sahakar Group

Project: Running costs

Total cost of project: £5,000

Amount of funding requested: £4,000

Wards: Normanton and Arboretum and Abbey

Description

The group was formed in 1999 to provide support and to reduce isolation faced by Asian elderly people, in particular Gujarati people in Derby. The project has developed from coffee mornings to a self help group for about 30 members. The group meet regularly at Fairdene Court on LowerDale Road.

Awards for All funding in 2000 and other small grants for equipment and training allowed the group to provide activities and outings for their members. This funding finished in 2004 and since then the group have continued to meet each week but have not been able to provide transport and limited activities for members. Attendance at the group has fallen.

Members used to pay £1 but at the moment members are not paying a contribution due to not having meal or transport. Volunteers provide the transport, drinks and a snack.

This request to Area panel 3 is to fund activity equipment, general running costs and salary for an administrator and cook. The members will start to pay each week again and contribute £1,000 to the costs.

£880	Activity equipment
£1,000	General running costs, phone bills, postage
£3,120	Salary for 52 weeks at £60 a week for admin support and to cook food due to disabilities.
£5,000	Total

In November 2005 the group received £2,500 from Small Change funding to support the group and pay for of the group -. This funding will help to restart and develop the group's activities, they have many people who would like to attend but are restricted by the lack of transport. The funding will provide a range of new activities for members relating to crafts and keep fit and exercise classes.

£900	community transport for elderly and disabled members
£900	refreshments
£700	activities
£2,500	Total

Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel
Approve in part. The Appraisal panel notes that the request is above the £2,000 guideline. Approve the activity equipment and contribute to the running costs. No evidence provided about details of running costs, need for paid admin support or how it will be sustained.

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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 5: Ikhlas Foundation

Project: Saturday/Sunday School

Total cost of project: £9,540

Amount of funding requested: £3,060

Wards: Normanton and Arboretum

Description:

The group was established in 2000 to provide benefits for the community, in particular young people. The group provides homework clubs, residential outings, a community newsletter and has recently been awarded a 5 years community radio licence to broadcast in the Normanton area.

The group set up a Saturday school in 2005 to provide additional teaching support for 30 weeks on Saturdays to 30 students in year 7 who were underachieving in local schools in English, Maths and Science. In November 2004 Area Panel 3 funded £2,100 for teachers salaries for 11 weeks. Derby City Youth Service also funded the project and paid for the salaries for the other weeks. However, it was noted at Area Panel 3 in November 2004 that the project did not appear sustainable.

The project achieved improvements in all three subjects with the percentage working to level 5 and level 6 standards increasing from 17% to 60% in Science, from 13% to 50% in Maths and 13% to 36% in English. The group are continuing the Saturday school in 2006 for 36 weeks from a £3,000 grant from Small Change and from Derby City Youth Service funding making up the difference.

This application for funding to the area panel is to develop the project in 2006 to start a Sunday school session and also to include year 8 children who are underachieving. The funding will pay for 17 weeks starting in March 2006. The classes will aim to raise standards and attainment levels of the students who take part. Schools, community centres and libraries will be used to publicise the classes. The funding will again be used to pay for teachers at the rate of £15 an hour. Each of the 17 sessions includes three hour teaching time and one hour planning and marking time. The total salary for each week is £180 with £60 for each teacher for each session.

Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel	
Approve. The Appraisal panel notes that the request is above the £2,000 guideline.	

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In addition, the application must meet at least one of the following:	
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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 6: Derby West Indian Association Credit Union

Project: Central heating boiler

Total cost of project: £2,232

Amount of funding requested: £1,674

Wards: Normanton, Arboretum and Abbey

Description:

The Derby West Indian Association Credit Union was set up in 1980 and provides a service to over 350 people. 80% live in Area Panel 3 area. Their administration base is at 5 Whiston Street, Normanton and the central heating boiler, which was over 20 years old and has been repaired many times, stopped working on Monday 28 November 2005. The group have been operating since then without central heating.

This request for £1,674 funding is to contribute to the cost of buying and installing a new condensing central heating boiler along with associated works to piping and new valves. The project cannot function without an adequate heating system and as well as the association members using the building the Conference room is also used by local groups. A number of quotes have been received.

The group will contribute 25% to the cost totalling £558 and will be responsible for future maintenance.

Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel	
Approve.	

Area Panel funding criteria	
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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

Appendix C

AREA PANEL 3 FUNDING APPROVALS 2005/6						
Area Panel Budget for 2005/6				£22,000		
Budget carried forward from 2004/5				£ 6,928		
Total budget available for allocation in 2005/6				£28,928		
Total budget allocated in 2005/06				£15,708		
Applicant	Project	Amount requested	Amount approved	Date approval given	Grant paid	Ward
Dean Street Methodist Church	Stockbrook elderly persons Christmas lunch	£400	£400	16 November 2005	£400	Abbey and Arboretum
Guru Nanak Istri Sabha	Healthy living and community involvement for Asian women	£1,880	£1,200	16 November 2005	£1,200	Normanton, Abbey, Arboretum
Intercultural Social Group	Luncheon Club	£2,554	£504	16 November 2005	£504	Normanton and Arboretum
Persian Cultural Association	Persian music and arts group	££2,450	£1,270	16 November 2005	£1,270	Normanton, Arboretum, Abbey
UMOJA Women Group	Cultural and social event	£1,564	£500	16 November 2005	£500	Normanton and Arboretum
Derbyshire Afghani Community Association	Internet Café Project	£1,970	£1,500	7 September 2005	£1,500	Normanton and Arboretum
Stockbrook Crime Prevention Group	Weekly Community Safety Newsletter	£1,350	£1,350	7 September 2005	£1,350	Abbey
Stockbrook Colts Football Club	Football 4 Kidz	£2,993	£2,000	7 September 2005	£2,000	Abbey
Sunnyhill Youth Club	Start Up Project	£400	£400	7 September 2005	Work to be done by the Council	Normanton
Derby Minority Senior Citizens Society	Luncheon Club	£3,000	£2,000	7 September 2005	£2,000	Normanton and Arboretum
St Luke's Parish Church	Resurfacing of	£1,463	£740	22 June 2005	£740	Abbey

	pedestrian pathways					
Derby City Council Sport Development Team	Football tournament	£385	£344	22 June 2005	Work to be done by the Council	All wards
Amara Chi Group	Better play project	£2,600	£1,000	22 June 2005	£1,000	Normanton and Arboretum
CAST Trust	Stockbrook Community Day	£2,500	£2,000	22 June 2005	£2,000	Abbey and Normanton
Duesbury Grange Neighbourhood Watch	Family day	£630	£500	22 June 2005	£500	Abbey