

AREA PANEL 3 7 SEPTEMBER 2005

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
Derbyshire Afghani	Internet Café Project	Normanton,	£1,970
Community Association		Arboretum	
Stockbrook Crime	Weekly Community	Abbey	£1,350
Prevention Group	Safety Newsletter		
Stockbrook Colts	Football 4 Kidz	Abbey	£2,993
Football Club			
Sunnyhill Youth Club	Start Up Project	Normanton	£400
Derby Minority Senior	Luncheon Club	Normanton,	£3,000
Citizens Society		Arboretum	
Kurdish Community	Kurdish Advisory	Arboretum,	£2,000
Association	Project	Abbey and	
		Normanton	
Total funding			£11,713
requested			

- 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 1 August 2005 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
Derbyshire Afghani	Internet Café Project	Reject
Community Association		
Stockbrook Crime	Weekly Community Safety	Approve
Prevention Group	Newsletter	
Stockbrook Colts	Football 4 Kidz	Approve
Football Club		
Sunnyhill Youth Club	Start Up Project	Approve
Derby Minority Senior	Luncheon Club	Reject
Citizens Society		
Kurdish Community	Kurdish Advisory Project	Reject
Association		_

- 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	£4,584
Total budget available for allocation in 2005/6	£24,344
Sub-total of proposals to consider in September 2005	£11,713
Budget remaining if proposals for September are approved	£12,631
Abbey ward	
Budget for 2005/6	£7,333
Budget carry forward from 2004/5	£1,819
Total commitments to date	£2,853
Balance available for allocation in 2005/6	£6,299
Sub-total of proposals to consider in September 2005	£5,010
Budget remaining if proposals for September are approved	£1,289
Arboretum ward	
Budget for 2005/6	£7,333
Budget carry forward from 2004/5	£2,003
Total commitments to date	£1,115
Balance available for allocation in 2005/6	£8,221
Sub-total of proposals to consider in September 2005	£3,152
Budget remaining if proposals for September are approved	£5,069
Normanton ward	
Budget for 2005/6	£7,333
Budget carry forward from 2004/5	£3,106
Total commitments to date	£615
Balance available for allocation in 2005/6	£9,824
Sub-total of proposals to consider in September 2005	£3,551
Budget remaining if proposals for September are approved	£6,273

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 £1,000, 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 £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: Derbyshire Afghani Community Association

Project: Internet Café Project

Total cost of project: £1,970 Amount of funding requested: £1,970

Wards: Abbey, Normanton and Arboretum

Description

The Derbyshire Afghani Community was set up upon demands by statutory and voluntary organisations to meet the gaps in provision of services to the refugees and asylum seekers of afghan origin. The Afghani refugee and asylum seeking community is the second largest refugee community to have settled in the Derby area and comprises mostly of young single males. We would like to offer a free access to the internet to our members this would assist with their learning and development and also assist with integration and interaction with the wider community. We have been a successful voluntary and community organisation over the last year. The Association has managed to recruit over 30 volunteers to assist with various projects that we have undertaken. We have also had an expanding membership to our association with numbers now exceeding 300 registered members of our association.

We have undertaken projects such as the community cohesion event held in January 2005 and this was attended by over 400 people originating from various communities in Normanton and Peartree area. Since then volunteer musicians from our association have performed at a number of events including the Refugee Week 2005 event held at Arboretum park and organised by Derby Refugee Housing Association. Our musicians have also been on BBC Radio Derby raising the profile of our community and also other refugee and asylum seeking communities in Derby.

Our office at 128 Peartree Road is now open 5 days a week and is run by different volunteers. We are constantly used by a number of different people through out the day with nearly 10 people using our services on a daily basis. We provide a free translation and interpretation service and also a signposting and referral service. Our Association is also a reference point of all major statutory and voluntary agencies operating within the Normanton and Peartree area including the Police, Derby City Council, Law centre and Refugee Housing Association. We have also recently been asked to host a family learning pilot project run by Derby Refugee Housing Association to provide training to mothers from various refugee communities in Derby.

We would like to open a free internet service to our members from our office this would open many new opportunities to our members and service users. Our community is generally on a very low income and thus access to internet facilities is low. This project would eliminate several barriers faced by our community allowing them to integrate with the wider community quickly and efficiently.

The need for the project has come from our members who have requested a provision for free internet services.

Our project would have substantial impact on improving the access to local services by allowing people to access local services through the internet. It will allow access to such provisions as the Derby Home Finder, employment services, and also allow the users to improve their IT and language skills.

2 Computer Packages - including printers	£1,200
2 Computer desks	£250
2 Computer chairs	£120
Installation of IT network and IT consultancy fees	£400
Total	£1,970

Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel

Reject. There is no evidence that their existing service – an office open five days a week is sustainable as recent funding has now ceased. A basic service needs to be maintained. A number of other internet cafes exist in the area that have free access and are open to everyone including at the Regeneration Centre, Indian Community Centre, Somali Support Association Office, Peartree Library and Amnesty East Congo and Support Group.

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	
a stimulating and high quality learning environment	✓
healthy, safe and independent communities	✓
a lively and energetic cultural life	
a diverse, attractive and healthy environment	
a prosperous, vibrant and successful economy	
a shared commitment to regenerating our communities	✓

Applicant 2: Stockbrook Crime Prevention Group

Project: Weekly Community Safety Newsletter

Total cost of project: £2,350 Amount of funding requested: £1,350

Wards: Abbey

Description

We supply a weekly newsletter to all the Neighbourhood Watch members in the Stockbrook area. This covers 600 households. The Update is delivered 45 weeks of the year. The weekly Update is an A4 double-sided publication with Community Safety information on the front page together with contact numbers etc and details of crimes on the back page.

The police supply us with the crime statistics and reports from the Beat Officers, and we work with the local agencies and groups in the area to publicise events and community information.

Copies of the newsletter are also sent to other agencies and Housing Associations operating within the area and also the members of the START Partnership for the Stockbrook Street/Abbey Street NRF area.

The cost to produce the Update is £50 a week and this is for printing costs. It is delivered by Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators, by hand and this doesn't incur any cost for delivery. Stockbrook Crime Prevention Group - SCPG does pay from its own funds for postage each week, 10 second class stamps over the 45 weeks £94.50.

We are requesting funding from the Area Panel to cover 27 weeks production costs, starting November 2005 finishing May 2006.

The production costs for this year up to November have been covered with sponsorship from the Police, Derwent Living and Home Housing as well as the funds raised by SCPG.

This publication will require ongoing funding for sustainability as we intend to produce this for the foreseeable future. Some of the current sponsors have indicated an ongoing contribution would be available and we will be applying next year to other funders for support.

SCPG has just won the Derbyshire NHW awards as well as winning the National NHW awards for 2005. We hope that this will help raise our valuable works profile and will in turn help us next year to attract larger and increased sponsorship and funding.

Match funding has been provided from Home Housing Association, £500, Derby Police £250 and Derwent Living, £100. The group itself is also providing £150 to the costs.

Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel	
Approve.	

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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 a 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 a 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	
a stimulating and high quality learning environment	
healthy, safe and independent communities	✓
a lively and energetic cultural life	
a diverse, attractive and healthy environment	
a prosperous, vibrant and successful economy	
a shared commitment to regenerating our communities	✓

Applicant 3: Stockbrook Colts Football Club

Project: Football 4 Kidz

Total cost of project: £2,993 Amount of funding requested: £2,993

Wards: Abbey

Description

Stockbrook Colts was formed in June 2005 and is designed for kids from Stockbrook and surrounding areas. Its purpose is to let them enjoy football. There are no teams in this area 60 – 70% of the families in the area are one parent families.

We are determined to make this club work. This area has so much potential, but it can only work if people give us a chance. Everyone connected with Stockbrook Colts has done so voluntarily. Parents want a local tream for their youngsters. Most parents have difficulty supporting their children due to financial constraints.

We want to establish two new football teams in a deprived area, which has no football teams for youngsters.

The under 13's will be entering a 7-a side league, as we have yet enough members for 11-aside, but we are entering the under 10's into the mini soccer league.

We need kit and equipment.

We will be playing matches at the Racecourse ground or Leesbrook school, because all mini-soccer games are played at these venues, due to league rules.

The project involves purchasing equipment to the value of £2,643

Under 10s -

- Football kit
- Water proofs jackets
- Equipment balls size 4

Most of the training equipment will be shared

Under 13s-

- Water proofs jackets
- Equipment, balls, first aid, whistle, bottles, carrier, training cones, passing circles, reactable, nets, ball net, pump, flags, corner flags, bibs and drill tops

Two FA level 1 football course and 'winter' court hire - £350

The club aim to get match funding of over £500 during the next year from raffles, blackout cards and donations from local pubs and groups.

They have also applied to the Small Change fund for funding for the same equipment. A decision will be made in late September about the Small Change application.

Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel

Approve. However, the Appraisal Panel notes that there is no evidence provided of Insurance, Child protection policies or Criminal Records Bureau - CRB checks or how the policies are being developed. It is also above the £2,000 guideline.

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	√

Corporate objectives – the application must meet at least one	
a stimulating and high quality learning environment	
healthy, safe and independent communities	√
a lively and energetic cultural life	✓
a diverse, attractive and healthy environment	
a prosperous, vibrant and successful economy	
a shared commitment to regenerating our communities	√

Applicant 4: Sunnyhill Youth Club

Project: Start Up Project

Total cost of project: £400 Amount of funding requested: £400

Wards: Normanton

Description

The club was set up in April 2005 and has about 40 members.

The original club was closed in January 2003 due to anti-social behaviour. The club has now been re-established in partnership with young people, police and elected members. The club requires a range of equipment to provide a positive programme of activities We have worked closely with the Austin Action Group, the Police, Housing and Anti-Social Behaviour Team to re-establish this most needed club. Young people have also campaigned to get the club reinstated to give them a positive environment to get involved in productive activity.

This project is to purchase equipment:

Arts and Crafts materials - £200

New Stereo - £80

Small games and play station games - £120

Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel Approve.

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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 a 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 a 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	
a stimulating and high quality learning environment	✓
healthy, safe and independent communities	✓
a lively and energetic cultural life	✓
a diverse, attractive and healthy environment	
a prosperous, vibrant and successful economy	
a shared commitment to regenerating our communities	✓

Applicant 5: Derby Minority Senior Citizens Society

Project: Luncheon Club

Total cost of project: £20,720 Amount of funding requested: £3,000

Wards: Normanton, Arboretum

Description:

Our focus is Asian Senior citizens, mainly from Pakistani community, but open to everybody and we have members from other communities.

Our main activity is provision of luncheon club on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Pakistani Centre, typically catering for 50 to 70 people per day. This is founded through Derby City Social Services. We also provide a daily opportunity for people to come to the centre and socialise and we supply light refreshments. In the past we have had some funding at stages to promote physical activity. Cultural and gender issues have formally prevented Muslim Women from attending as we have not had funding for separate activity, but we have been able to offer gender separate provision for one day per week since the 1st April 2005.

We have ten years experience of working with our community, during which time we have developed a strong rapport with our users and in turn they are vconfident to ask us about activities they would like. Recently we have been able to deliver a regular service for women requiring separate provision for the first time. This has been a long term need but we have had to wait for funding. The service we provide is important not only because it ensures a meal, but also it is a way of swapping news, keeping our culture alive, promoting healthy eating and allowing for social interaction for isolated and lonely members especially the elderly.

Over the years we have seen a lot of people get older with all the attendant issues of lack of exercise, and in some cases increasing levels of disability and dependence on carers, which is not a position elderly people like to be in. Adding opportunity for moderate exercise to our activities will help people to keep their weight down, to stay fitter for longer and aid in greater independence for the member.

Our focus is on Derby's Asian communities, mainly Pakistanis to whom we give regular informal opportunities to come together in a culturally appropriate way, thus helping our community to share tradition and culture.

We would like to make a trip to the seaside because it will give our users a day away from the most disadvantaged wards in Derby, it will give chance for personal renewal and be a highlight to the year for people who are generally on low incomes, it will be something positive for older people to share with carers, and it will give us all a chance to talk about the future directions of the Minority Senior Citizen group.

The group has received funding from Derby City Social Services for the previous 20 years and will Continue to deliver this service in the future. We are currently also working closely with JET Base on Normanton Rd, who are providing support to capacity build the organisation through training

For our volunteers and management committee and investigating other sources of funding to Increase the level and range of services we can offer.

Hire of Catering Venue and hall (Pakistani Community Centre, Derby) 48 weeks -£2,000 Catering Costs (including cook) 48 weeks - £4,320 Food Supply Costs 48 weeks - £14,400

Match funding is received from:
Derby Social Services Grant - £8,209
Funds raised through Membership fees - £5,760

Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel
Reject. From the information provided it appears the group already receives funding for this project from Social Services for the same items. More details are required to allow the application to be approved. It is also 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 or priorities set out in the Council's Corporate Plan	√

Corporate objectives – the application must meet at least one	
a stimulating and high quality learning environment	
healthy, safe and independent communities	✓
a lively and energetic cultural life	✓
a diverse, attractive and healthy environment	
a prosperous, vibrant and successful economy	
a shared commitment to regenerating our communities	✓

Applicant: Kurdish Community Association

Project: Kurdish Advisory Project

Total cost of project: £2,000 Amount of funding requested: £2,000

Wards: Normanton, Arboretum and Abbey

Description:

A decision on this project was deferred at the Area Panel meeting on 22 June 2005 and the group was asked to provide more information about their business plan and how the project will be sustained. No additional information has been received from the group.

The project aims to provide advice, support and signposting services for the local Kurdish Community. At present the applicant is providing the advice, support and guidance in a voluntary capacity to statutory partners in housing, police, community safety partnership, immigration, NHS PCT's. legal firms, council and others when required. He is also advising community members and also translating and interpreting for several organisations. It is hoped that there may be alternative funding within the local area or seek alternative funds. Although the evidence base for this type of service is there this will be seen as a pilot project.

On receipt on funding it is intended to provide a service based on an hourly basis - whether that involves liaising with statutory partners or providing one to one support to community members. It is anticipated that the funding will cover 3 months but is all dependent on the amount of support required.

Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel

Reject. No business plan and insufficient evidence about the project or its sustainability.

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 a 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 a 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			
a stimulating and high quality learning environment			
healthy, safe and independent communities	✓		
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a prosperous, vibrant and successful economy	
a shared commitment to regenerating our communities	✓

Appendix 3

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	£ 4,584	

Applicant	Project	Amount requested	Amount approved	Date approval given	Grant paid	Ward
St Luke's Parish Church	Resurfacing of pedestrian pathways	£1,463	£740	22 June 2005	£740	Abbey
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