



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

AREA PANEL 1 1 SEPTEMBER 2004

Report of Director of Policy

Area Panel Budget Proposals 2004/5

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.1 Area Panel 1 budget allocation for 2004/5 is £29,000. The panel also has an additional budget of £1,418 carried forward from 2003/4, which means that a total budget of £30,418 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 area panel is asked to consider whether to support an application for funding received from:

Applicant	Project	Ward	Funding requested
Derwent Luncheon Club	Transport costs	Derwent	£1,000
Total funding requested			£1,000

1.3 A short summary of the project is attached to this report in Appendix 2.

1.4 The application meets the criteria previously agreed by Area Panel 1. The Council constitution states that the Area Panels can't 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 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 the proposal is approved, the implications for the total budget for Area Panel 1 in 2004/5 will be:

Area Panel 1	£
Budget for 2004/5	£29,000
Total carried forward from 2003/4	£1,418
Total commitments to date	£700
Sub total of proposals to consider in September 2004	£1,000
Budget remaining if proposals for September are approved	£28,718
Chaddesden ward	
Budget for 2004/5	£7,250
Total carried forward from 2003/4	£826
Total commitments to date	£0
Sub total of proposals to consider in September 2004	£0
Budget remaining if proposals for September are approved	£8,076
Derwent ward	
Budget for 2004/5	£7,250
Total carried forward from 2003/4	£0
Total commitments to date	£350
Sub total of proposals to consider in September 2004	£1,000
Budget remaining if proposals for September are approved	£5,900
Oakwood ward	
Budget for 2004/5	£7,250
Total carried forward from 2003/4	£0
Total commitments to date	£350
Sub total of proposals to consider in September 2004	£0
Budget remaining if proposals for September are approved	£6,900
Spondon Ward	
Budget for 2004/5	£7,250
Total carried forward from 2003/4	£592
Total commitments to date	£0
Sub total of proposals to consider in September 2004	£0
Budget remaining if proposals for September are approved	£7,842

PROPOSED ACTION

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

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Background papers: Area Panel Budget allocation criteria, Application form stored on file.
List of appendices: Appendix 1 – Summary of implications
Appendix 2 – Summary of applications
Appendix 3 – Funding approvals for 2004/5

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

- 1.1 Area panels must consider priorities within the area when considering requests for funding. Not all requests that meet the criteria will be considered a priority. When supporting or rejecting an application over £1,000, Area Panel 1 must give reasons for its decision.

Legal

- 2.1 Area Panel 1 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.

SUMMARY OF APPLICATIONS

Applicant 1: Derwent Luncheon Club

Project: Transport costs

Total cost of project: £2,960

Amount of funding requested: £1,000

Wards: Derwent,

Description:

The Derwent Luncheon Club has been running since 1987 for older residents who mainly live in Derwent ward. They provide a door to door pick up service for elderly residents in the Derwent Ward to enable them to attend the Luncheon club at Beaufort Community School during the 40 weeks of term time.

The Derwent Luncheon Club provides a much needed service in a socially deprived area where some older residents have mobility problems and are housebound. Friendship is the key objective for Derwent Luncheon club, and the regular meeting helps the members to tackle the issue of loneliness. The project relies on the participation of local residents and brings the community together.

The club received a lottery award five years ago but, since the funding finished two years ago, the club has survived on fundraising, a £500 grant for transport from New Deal for Communities in 2003 and by increasing their weekly membership fee. They have had to reduce the lunches from two to one each week.

There are around 20 regular members and a number of other occasional members; many of whom are disabled or special needs. The club is highly regarded by the members.

The club has a volunteer driver to transport the members in a minibus hired from the Beasley Trust. The hire costs are £1,400 a year, renting the school costs about £60 a year and food costs are on top of this. The £3.50 membership fee from each user currently funds the weekly meetings. This fee is felt to be the maximum acceptable.

The club also arranges fundraising events to fund about six trips a year to a variety of venues including Denby Pottery and Chesterfield. The grant would contribute to funding the transport costs of about £250 for each trip giving a total of £1,500.

The club aim to use the area panel funding to contribute to the minibus hire costs and the trips during the next year. In the meantime, they will continue their other fundraising activities.

The club has recently applied to New Deal for Communities for funding to pay for the salary cost of the club coordinator.

Corporate objectives		Corporate priorities		Area Panel criteria	
Job opportunities		Minimise increases in Council tax and increase value for money from Council services		Provide a service in response to the needs of the local residents raised at the area panel meeting	
Strong and positive neighbourhoods	✓	Tackle under-achievement in schools		Improve accessibility for local people to existing services	✓
Education		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.		Contribute to environmental improvements which will provide a benefit to all residents	
Protecting and supporting people		Continue plans to remove traffic from city centre streets where this helps people make better use of the city centre and improve transport choices by completing Connecting Derby		Promote area and neighbourhood coordination in the community	
A healthy environment		Develop an integrated management system of the city and district centres to improve their attractiveness and viability		Enable residents to participate within their community and at area panel meetings	✓
Shops, commercial and leisure activities		Continue to expand doorstep recycling and other recycling activity		Proposal is supported with evidence of need	✓
Integrated cost effective services		Develop plans to improve the fostering service and residential and community care for adults		Evidence that the proposal is sustainable	✓
		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			
		Respond to people's needs appropriately, on time and first time, by developing a customer focused culture			
		Decide planning applications more quickly while maintaining the quality of decision-making.			

