



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

AREA PANEL 1
10 JANUARY 2007

ITEM 11

Report of Head of Stronger and Safer Communities Unit

Area Panel 1 Budget Proposals 2006/7

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1.1 Area Panel 1 budget allocation for 2006/7 is £23,292. The panel has an additional budget of £1,083 carried forward from 2005/6, which means that a total budget of £24,375 is available for allocation to projects during this financial year. |
- 1.2 Area Panel 1 is asked to consider whether to support the applications received. A short summary of each project is attached to this report in Appendix 2
- 1.3 A summary of applications funded in the current financial year are in Appendix 3
- 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 funding applications are approved, the implications for the total budget for Area Panel 1 in 2006/07 will be:

	Chaddesden	Derwent	Oakwood	Spondon	Area
Budget for 2006/7	£5,823	£5,823	£5,823	£5,823	£23,292
Carried forward from 2005/6	£915	-£235	£0	£403	£1,083
Funds returned due to underspend on projects in 2005/06: Community Church Derby - £682	£681	£0	£0	£0	£681
Total Budget for 2006/07	£7,419	£5,588	£5,823	£6,226	£25,056
Total commitments to date	£6,956	£4,148	£801	£1,904	£13,809
Total available to allocate at this meeting	£463	£1,440	£5,022	£4,322	£11,247

Funding Applications – November 2006						Officer advice
Community Church Derby	£950	£80	£40	£80	£1,150	Approve
Dale Road Neighbourhood Watch and Louise Greaves Lane Allotment Association	£0	£	£0	£1,500	£1,500	Approve
Spondon Community Association	£0	£0	£0	£4,500	£4,500	Approve
Derwent Time Bank	£0	£2,500	£0	£0	£2,500	Defer
Youth Service – Oakwood Youth Club	£0	£0	£1,730	£0	£1,730	Defer
Sub-total of proposals to consider at this meeting	£950	2,580	£1,770	£6,080	£11,380	
Budget remaining if proposals are approved	-£487	-£1.140	£3,252	-£1,758	-£133	

PROPOSED ACTION

2.1 To consider and determine applications for area panel funding.

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Background papers:	Area Panel Budget allocation criteria, Application forms stored on file.
List of appendices:	Appendix 1 – Summary of implications Appendix 2 – Summary of applications and officer advice Appendix 3 - Area panel 1 funding approvals 2006/7

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 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 £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 Corporate Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services and Deputy Chief Executive 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: Community Church Derby
Project: Chaddesden Kidz Klub
Total cost of project: £5,310
Amount of funding requested: £1,150
Wards: Chaddesden, Spondon, Derwent, Oakwood

Suggested advice from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel
Approve.

Description:

This application was deferred at the last area panel meeting to allow the organisation to confirm the addresses of the children attending the Klub to assess which wards they live in.

Community Church Derby have set up the Kidz Klub for all children in years 1 to 7 in the Cherry Tree Junior and Meadow Farm schools. It is based on other successful other Kidz Klubs nationally and is held at Cherry Tree Junior School. It opened on 22 September 2006. The Klub has continued to be successful with between 80 and 90 children attending every week up to the end of term. The income from 50p subscriptions and Community Church funding helps to pay for the ongoing revenue costs.

The aim of Kidz Klub is to provide a safe environment where young people are able to enjoy themselves and to make a positive contribution to their community. It is a lively, visual and dynamic Klub including drama, dance, stories, songs and competitions. It will primarily be led from the front so the children will need to see and hear the activities projected onto a screen and played from a DVD. Many activities will need Powerpoint to use visual clips and background music at the same time. Drama activities will need microphones, tie clips or headphones and enhanced lighting is needed.

A copy of the list of streets where the children live has been sent to the Chaddesden Ward Councillors. An analysis of the addresses shows that of the 165 children who had attended in the first six weeks, approximately 120 live in Chaddesden ward, 10 in Spondon Ward, 10 in Derwent ward, 5 in Oakwood Ward and 20 live outside Area Panel 1, mainly because these are children of the volunteers. The Community Church recognises that a small number of children will live outside the Area panel area and therefore have been keen to find much of the funding themselves.

The Community Church has now received £200 from Rolls Royce that has contributed to buying props for the activities and the two DI boxes. In addition, a donation from an individual has allowed the Church to buy a laptop that they can use for the project. The church continue to hire and borrow other equipment from members and have had to borrow equipment purchased for other Community Church activities – which cannot be guaranteed to be available on Fridays.

The Community Church have now raised over £3,500 towards the project leaving £1,150 to complete the purchase of the outstanding equipment. Their priority is the projector.

The panel may want to allocate funds from all four wards. If the allocation is based on an equal amount for each child living in each ward then Chaddesden ward would allocate £950, Oakwood ward - £40, Spondon ward - £80 and Derwent ward - £80.

Equipment needed	Cost
CD Player	£100
Compact projector	£800
Cables including 5 XLR leads and 5 Jack leads	£250
Total requested	£1,150
Match funding paid by Community Church, Donations and Rolls Royce	£3,500

Applicant 2: Dale Road Neighbourhood Watch and Louise Greaves Lane Allotment Association

Project: Shed Security Project

Total cost of project: £1,500

Amount of funding requested: £1,500

Wards: Spondon

Suggested advice from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel
Approve, subject to a request being made to the Police for a contribution

Description:

The Dale Road Neighbourhood Watch and Louise Greaves Lane Allotment Association are working together to tackle the problem of break ins to sheds.

Sheds on Lousie Greaves Lane allotments are naturally isolated and vulnerable and have been the subject of burglary and damage on several occasions. On one occasion in 2006 several sheds were attacked on the same night. The inset of dark nights has seen further shed burglaries reported in the gardens of houses locally. The security provided would go towards reducing the fear of crime and helps to prevent similar offences for those residents most vulnerable to such attacks.

The project aims to purchase 100 shed alarms and signs for sheds in the local community and allotment site. The project will provide free security measures whilst promoting liaison and building relationships between the local Community Police Officers and the public. Local residents and members of the Neighbourhood Watch and Allotment Associations would be involved in the process of distributing the systems in liaison with the local police officers. They will distribute and fit the alarms and signs for previous victims of shed burglaries/damage and to potential victims prioritising lone female/elderly/vulnerable and disabled residents of the local community. Members of the two associations provide support with any fitting expenses.

The Police will assist with statistics to show the effectiveness of the measures. The groups are asking the Police if they can provide funding for the project.

£1,300	100 Infra Red Shed Security Alarms at £13 each
£200	100 Shed security signs at £2 each
£1,500	Total

Applicant 3: **Spondon Community Association**

Project: Spondon Village Hall Windows

Total cost of project: £11,920

Amount of funding requested: £4,500

Wards: Spondon

Suggested advice from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel

Approve. However, it is noted that the amount is above the £2,000 guideline and that it is the Council that is responsible for the maintenance of the Hall windows.

Description:

Spondon Community Association is an independent community association responsible for managing Spondon Village Hall. They play a significant role in Spondon being one of the most active and independent communities within the city. The hall is very well used by the community with very few slots in the weekly diary that are not booked. There are twenty two groups that use it on a regular basis. They cover all age ranges, including the NHS baby clinic, Mother and Toddler group, ballroom dancing groups, Historical Society, aerobic, keep-fit, line and ballroom dancing groups. In addition the hall is used for one off events such as birthday parties and wedding receptions. It is estimated that some 35,000 people a year use the hall in one way or another.

The project will replace old single glazed window frames with sustainable double glazed units. The existing windows are over 25 years old, many are rotten and as a result are dangerous to open in addition to them all having poor thermal insulation properties. A replacement roof has just been fitted to extend the life of the building. It was planned to replace the windows within that contract but there was insufficient money left in the budget. Without appropriate maintenance the hall will become less usable and may have to close. Replacing the windows will maintain long term access and installing double glazing will improve the energy efficiency of the hall resulting in less energy use and lower bills. The state of many of the windows is a health and safety concern, particularly regarding opening and closing for ventilation. New windows will improve security and user safety.

In total there are 9 large floor to ceiling windows which form the front elevation of the hall, plus 31 small windows in the back and side walls. In view of the estimated cost of replacing all the windows in one go and the funding potentially available, this project will replace the front windows. The side and rear windows will be the subject of a later project. The Council Property Services Division will manage the work and they will be responsible for future maintenance.

In total, it will cost £11,920 to manufacture, install and paint the nine large floor to ceiling windows and the Association has identified £7,720 funding and is asking Area Panel 1 to contribute the outstanding amount of £4,500.

£4,500	Area Panel 1
£2,000	Remains of funding in the Property Services budget for the roof and windows project
£4,000	City Council Voluntary and Community Groups grant – this has been agreed
£1,720	Spondon Community Association contribution conditional on availability of the other three sources of funding.
£11,920	Total

Applicant 4: Derwent Time Bank

Project: Derwent Time Bank

Total cost of project: £45,500

Amount of funding requested: £2,500

Wards: Derwent

Suggested advice from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel

Defer - until more information is available about progress to attract other funding after April 2007

Description:

Derwent Time Bank's main activity is to support and develop the community time bank of Derwent. The time bank allows people to share skills with others in their community and be rewarded for it in time. For every hour of time given participants receive one time credit. Time credits can be exchanged for help from someone else, or given to a family member. The time bank provides a solution to many issues in our community – exclusion, lack of social networks, lack of support or access to services for vulnerable members, and importantly, the chance to do something positive and to get involved.

We currently have over 150 participants and over 1,800 hours of support are exchanged annually. Skills and jobs on offer include cycle repairs, computer skills, gardening, ironing, pet care, befriending, DIY, companionship, dog walking, music lessons, transportation and Tai Chi. We ensure that the time bank is part of the community, and enables participants to access a wider network of support. Including coffee mornings, social activities, book swap, adult's bike hire and garden tool bank.

Time banking helps those individuals who are most excluded in society. National research shows that 20% of time bank participants are disabled or have a long term illness as compared with 3% of traditional volunteers.

The project is currently funded by New Deal for Communities - NDC, and funding ends on 31 March 2007. The NDC funding covers all existing running costs of the Time Bank, including rent, staffing, stationery and training. We have evaluated the project and found residents want the project to continue because it benefits both individuals and community. However, to sustain the project, the costs need to be reduced significantly. So from April 2007 Derwent Time Bank is relocating to the Blue Boy, to reduce rental costs and running costs, reducing their staff from three to two, reducing their training and activity budgets and reducing newsletters. This will reduce their annual costs to £45,000 and to cover these costs we are applying to a number of funding sources. Members have raised £500 from fundraising activities. Area panel 1 would fund:

£1,000	Rent at the Blue Boy from 1 April 2007 to 31 March 2008.
£1,000	Telephone and IT costs for April 2007 to March 2008
£500	Photocopying – the quarterly newsletter
£2,500	Total

The other costs are being sought from:

£10,000	Awards for all – to be confirmed - tbc
£10,000	Royal British Legion - tbc
£8,000	Lloyds TSB - confirmed
£5,000	Derwent New Deal for Communities, Small Grant - tbc
£2,000	Chetwode Foundation –tbc
£1,000	Dennis Alan Yardy Charitable Trust - tbc
£4,500	Hugh & Ruby Sykes Charitable Trust -tbc
£2,500	May Hearnshaw Charity - tbc
43,000	Total

Applicant 5: Youth Service

Project: Oakwood Youth Club Post 16

Total cost of project: £1,700

Amount of funding requested: £1,700

Wards: Oakwood

Suggested advice from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel

Defer. The application is requesting funding for many of the same items that were funded in 2005 – more clarification is needed. The applicant needs to provide more information about how the project will be sustainable.

Description:

This project is based at the Oakwood Community Centre. It aims to provide equipment for the Oakwood Post 16 project, set up in October 2005. Youth Services, Connexions and voluntary workers are keen to involve young people in the activities in the centre. The need for activities for young people has been raised locally and at Area panel meetings. The project works with 16-19 year olds and with the Not in Education or Training group - NEET. They aim to help young people access better opportunities in school and in post 16 options. To enhance the facility staff want to upgrade equipment and make more equipment available to all members of the project.

The equipment and resources are needed for the young people to use during the two sessions a week. Youth Services pay for the room hire charges and the equipment will be stored in a secure room provided by the Community Association.

Area Panel 1 funded the group £1,048 in September 2005 to help equip the Youth Club and post 16 club when it first set up.

£250	Foldaway Pool table
£50	Henna Tattoo set
£80	Stereo
£90	Karaoke machine
£210	Digital camera
£700	Laptop, printer and scanner
£210	Television
£59	Playstation games
£45	Microwave
£100	Hair Straighteners and hair tools
£91	Kitchen equipment including toaster, kettle, fryer
£30	Chocolate making machine
£25	DVD player
£1,700	Total

Appendix 3

AREA PANEL 1 FUNDING APPROVALS 2006/07						
Area Panel Budget for 2006/7				£23,292		
Budget carried forward from 2005/6				£1,083		
Total budget available for allocation in 2006/7				£24,375		
Funds returned due to underspend on projects in 2005/06				£681		
Total budget allocated in 2006/7				£25,056		
Applicant	Project	Amount requested	Amount approved	Date approval given	Grant paid	Ward
AFC Crusaders	Soccer school	£2,000	£2,000	6 September 2006	£2,000	Chaddesden, Oakwood, Spondon
Nottingham Road and District Allotments Association	Fence for Meadow Farm Primary School allotments	£392	£392	6 September 2006	£392	Chaddesden
Springwood Leisure Centre	Car park lighting	£250	£100	7 June 2006	Work to be done by Council	Oakwood
Derby City Council WildDerby Summer Scheme	WildDerby Summer Scheme	£802	£802	7 June 2006	Work done by Council	Spondon, Oakwood Chaddesden
Chaddesden Park Allotments	Security Fencing	£5,840	£5,840	1 November 2006	£5,840	Chaddesden, Derwent, Spondon
Derby Community Transport/Derwent Community Team	Derwent Ring and ride	£2,000	£2,000	1 November 2006	£2,000	Derwent
Derwent Neighbourhood Team	Design out Crime at St. Marks Church	£2,000	£2,000	1 November 2006	£2,000	Derwent
Chaddesden	Chaddesden War	£275	£275	1 November 2006	Work to be	Chaddesden

Councillors	Memorial				done by Council	
Spondon Parent and Toddler group	Equipment and toys	£200	£400	1 November 2006	£400	Spondon