



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

AREA PANEL 5 5 April 2006

Report of Director of Derby Community Safety Partnership

Area Panel Budget Proposals 2005/6

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1.1 The Area Panel 5 budget allocation for 2005/6 is £22,000. The Panel has an additional budget of £11,050 carried forward from 2004/5, which means that a total budget of £33,050 is available for allocation to projects during this financial year.
- 1.2 The Panel is asked to consider six applications for funding received from:

Applicant	Project	Ward	Funds requested
73 rd Derby (Allestree) Scout Group	Purchase of stacking chairs	Allestree	£1,939
Friends of Allestree Park	'Go Wild' event	Allestree	£1,306
Woodlands Tennis Club	Replacement club house	Allestree	£2,000
Darley Abbey Community Association	Replacement chairs for village hall	Darley	£2,000
Friends of Markeaton Brook	Project development	Darley	£1,357
Strutt's Park Residents' Association	Darley Park Garden Railings	Darley	£4000
Total			£12,602

- 1.3 A short summary of each project is attached to this report in Appendix 2.
- 1.4 The Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel members have appraised 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	Recommendation
73 rd Derby (Allestree) Scout Group	Purchase of stacking chairs	Approve
Friends of Allestree Park	'Go Wild' event	Approve
Woodlands Tennis Club	Replacement club house	Approve
Darley Abbey Community Association	Replacement chairs for village hall	Approve
Friends of Markeaton Brook	Project development	Approve
Strutt's Park Residents' Association	Darley Park Garden Railings	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 new funding criteria, included in the Council Constitution, says 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.

1.8 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
- 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.

1.9 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 the proposals are approved, the implications for the total budget for Area Panel 5 in 2005/6 will be:

Area Panel 5	£
Budget for 2005/6	£22,000
Funds carried over from 2004/5	£11,050
Total funds available for allocation 2005/6	£33,050
Total commitments to date	£22,403
Funds to be returned due to under spends on projects	£146
Total to available to allocate this meeting	£11,033
Sub total of proposals to consider in April 2006	£12,602
Budget remaining if proposals for April 2006 are approved	-£1,809

Allestree ward	
Budget for 2005/6	£7,333 +
Carry over from 2004/5	£8,909
Total available in Allestree	£16,242
Total commitments to date	£13,100
Funds to be returned due to under spends on projects	
• football tournament	£49
Total to available to allocate this meeting	£3191
Sub total of proposals to consider in April 2006	£5,245
Budget remaining if proposals for April 2006 are approved	-£2,054
Darley Ward	
Budget for 2005/6	£7,333 +
Carry over from 2004/5	£49
Total available in Darley	£7,382
Total commitments to date	£3,687
Funds to be returned due to under spends on projects	
• football tournament	£48
Total to available to allocate this meeting	£3743
Sub total of proposals to consider in April 2006	£7,357
Budget remaining if proposals for April 2006 are approved	-£3,614
Mackworth Ward	
Budget for 2005/6	£7,333 +
Carry over from 2004/5	£2,092
Total available in Mackworth	£9,425
Total commitments to date	£5,616
Funds to be returned due to under spends on projects	
• football tournament	£49
Total to available to allocate this meeting	£3,858
Sub total of proposals to consider in April 2006	£0
Budget remaining if proposals for April 2006 are approved	£3,858

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 2005/06 and the projects funded in 2005/06 set out in Appendix 3.

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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, 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 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.

Applicant 1: 73rd Derby (Allestree) Scout Group

Project: Purchase of stacking chairs

Total cost of project: £1939

Amount of funding requested: £1,939

Wards: Allestree

Description:

The scout group provides learning opportunities for young people aged from 4 and 20. In addition to Beaver Colonies, Cub Packs, a Scout Troop and Explorer Unit, the group hosts a daily playgroup and a Rainbow Colony. The buildings are used as the venue for Scout Association Adult Leader and Community Group training courses. However, a current lack of chairs limits the scope for this use, and the group are frequently unable to respond positively to requests. The group are requesting a grant to purchase 132 stacking chairs to enable the use of the facilities to their full potential.

The Headquarters main hall, committee room and annex are used five nights a week. In addition to Beaver, Cub, Scout and Explorer Scout activities and associated meetings, users include local community groups. At weekends the main hall and annex are used for social functions, some organized for/by the Scout Group, others by members of the community.

All those who make a contribution to the functioning of the group – as leaders working with young people, in administration, in the organisation of fund raising events and with care and maintenance of our facilities and equipment – do so on a wholly voluntary basis, their receiving no financial remuneration what-so-ever. It is impossible to place a financial value on the support we receive.

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	✓
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: Friends of Allestree Park

Project: 'Go Wild' event

Total cost of project: £1,306

Amount of funding requested: £1,306

Wards: Allestree

Description:

Friends of Allestree Park is working with the City Council and BTCV in providing and promoting several educational events in the park and conservation working groups on Balsam 'Bash' and Lake clearance. The 'Go Wild' event is intended to encourage people to join 'Friends of Allestree Park' and raise awareness of the group and its aims. The event itself requires the most funding, but afterwards Friends of Allestree Park wish to continue to build momentum for the group through the regular issuing of newsletters.

The previous event organised by the Councils 'Go Wild' programme was well supported. Friends of Allestree Park want to offer a similar day and build on this base, giving local people a chance to learn more about Allestree Park and its flora and fauna. It is hoped that the event will attract several hundred people from the local area

The group are requesting money from the panel to pay for the following elements of the event organisation:

Telephone/Postage	£150	Paper/Printing/Publicity	£400
Meeting Room Hire	£56	Insurance	£250
BTCV Affiliation	£50	Equipment Hire, inc deposit	£400

Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel

Approve subject to suitable responses being received about the sustainability of the project.

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: Woodlands Tennis Club

Project: Replacement club house

Total cost of project: £64,000

Amount of funding requested: £2,000

Wards: Allestree

Description:

Woodlands Tennis Club are requesting funding from the panel towards the replacement of the existing dilapidated timber clubhouse and replace it with a new brick built pavilion / clubhouse, which would consist of junior and community area, kitchen, toilets and storage. The applicants have indicated evidence of need via of a customer survey of local residents, a members survey and discussions with local schools. The club has links with 5 primary schools, 2 secondary schools, Allestree Brownies and the University of Derby.

The grant of £2,000 from the panel would pay specifically for the paved area in front of the clubhouse and a percentage of the roofing. The organisation has also applied to a number of agencies for funding as detailed below:

Foundation for Sports and the Arts	£25,000	Awards for all - to be confirmed	£5,000
Club Funds	£15,000	Derbyshire community foundation - to be confirmed	£1,000
Members loans	£10,000	Toyota - to be confirmed	£1,000
Sponsors + sports match	£4,000	Derbyshire Building Society - to be confirmed	£1,000

Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel

Approve subject to provision of suitable evidence of need.

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 4: Darley Abbey Community Association

Project: Replacement chairs for village hall

Total cost of project: £3,525

Amount of funding requested: £2,000

Wards: Darley

Description:

The organisation are requesting a grant from the area panel to replace their current chairs in the village hall, as they have received a number of complaints from users that the chairs are very uncomfortable. It is felt that replacement chairs would contribute to environment improvements which would benefit local residents. By providing better seating, the organisation hope to use the facility for more formal functions, including weddings and piano recitals.

The group will be contributing the additional £1525 towards these chairs through money raised by fund raising activities.

The organisation has been previously funded by the area panel – In April 2005 (as part of the 2004/5 financial year) they received £1,643 for new flooring in the toilets, and in December 2003 where awarded £3,500, for improvement works to the front of the hall. Monitoring information has been received from the group for the 2003/4 grant. Monitoring information is awaited for the 2004/5 grant.

[Following a visit by the Area Panel Manager on 20 March 2006, the Community Association have stated that if their funding application is successful, then the existing chairs that will be replaced will be made available for other groups / facilities. Additionally comment was made that the existing chairs are a potential threat to the on-going sustainability of the village hall facility as the committee feel that they will deter future bookings and events].

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	✓
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 5: Friends of Markeaton Brook

Project: Project development

Total cost of project: £1,357

Amount of funding requested: £1,357

Wards: Darley

Description:

Friends of Markeaton Brook is a constituted group that represents the positive interests of occupiers and users of the Brook and its tributaries for the protection of the history, natural history and high amenity value. Funding is requested to enable the group to continue their work of raising awareness of the Brook and its history, educate young and old about the natural heritage and to carry out conservation work with their own equipment and be able to comply with legislative requirements e.g. data protection. The activities that were led last year were well supported. 70 people turned out at 5 am for the dawn chorus walk, 40 for the city safari. Much interest was shown in stands at the Allestree Fun Day and the Fun Day at Mackworth Road Rec. and at Eco-Fest. Local people turned out for the annual 'Balsam Bash', the Bat Walk and the Fungus Foray.

A programme of events has been provided as detailed below:

First AGM	10/01/06
Open Meeting with Guest Speaker – Flood Defence	11/04/06
Day of Pondemonia	23/04/06
Survey for Water Voles	29/04/06
F.O.M.B Birthday – Markeaton Park	01/05/06
Friends of Allestree Park Go Wild	14/05/06
Go Wild at Derby Arboretum	25/06/06
Balsam Bash	1&2/07/06
Open Meeting	11/07/06
Mugginton Bottom Ramble	20/07/06
History Walk along Brook	29/07/06
Batwalk on Bramble Brook	19/09/06
Open meeting and judging photo competition	10/10/06
Management of Kedleston Hall Historic Park	14/10/06

The funding from Area Panel 5 will allow the group to carry out their work independently. The Friends group are applying to Action Earth in respect of the Balsam pull, to Derbyshire County Council Green Watch Awards and will be applying to other funding bodies as they undertake work with schools in the catchment of the Brook and for information boards etc.

The Area Panel grant would be spent as detailed below:

Display banners as per attached: John E Wright – 3 Banners, Lights and Art Work	£900
Gazebo – to replace donated one which was damaged – Asda Price 2005	£20.00
Folding Table and chairs from Argos	£56.00
Website Domain Name	£50.00
Data Protection Registration	£35.00
Newsletter – 200 mailing PA stamps £42.00 reproduction £36.00	
Envelopes 2 x 100 @ £10.58 or 250 @ £7.99 - Staples	£86.00
First Aid Outdoor Kit – First Aid Warehouse.com	£50.00
Office Supplies, Admin, Committee meeting fund	£100.00
Contingencies	£50.00
Children's Colouring Competition	£10.00
Total	£1,357.00

Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel	
Approve	

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 6: Strutt's Park Residents Association

Project: Darley Park garden railings

Total cost of project: £10,200

Amount of funding requested: £4,000

Wards: Darley

Description:

The group are applying for money from the area panel to replace the railings around the ornamental garden in Darley Park, which were removed by Derby City Council Parks dept for health & safety reasons, i.e. deterioration

The project will meet the concerns of park users - that the removal of the railings has led to the deterioration of the formal gardens and exposure to abuse of the ancient mulberry tree. The railings were put in place to form a dividing line between the house and park land, in common with all large houses and stately homes. There is photographic evidence of railings in this position in 1904, providing protection for the ornamental flower beds and historic trees, some of which may well have been planted by William Emes when he landscaped the gardens in the 18th century. The ancient mulberry tree is in special need of protection, and we feel that the restoration of the railings will go a long way to ensuring its preservation, thereby enhancing the environment of Darley Park.

Funding from Area Panel will be used to supply and install a section of hoop topped fence 900 mm high, 50 m long, along the boundary of the formal garden. This will be installed by a fencing contractor selected by competitive tender. The supply and installation costs of the fence will be £2300. The installation of concrete mowing strip will be £700. The section of fence proposed to be funded by Area Panel will be used to complete the fencing off of the formal garden.

The first 60m section of fencing is being provided by Derby City Council Environmental Services Department. The whole length of the fence will also be top soiled and reseeded on completion of the works supply and install 60 metre of hoop topped fence at a cost of £6,200.

The whole fence will be maintained by Derby City Council Environmental Services.

Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel	
Approve. The panel noted that this was above the £2,000 criteria.	

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	✓

APPENDIX 3						
AREA PANEL 5 FUNDING APPROVALS 2005/06						
Area Panel Budget for 2005/6				£22,000		
Budget carried forward from 2004/5				£11,050		
Total budget available for allocation in 2005/6				£31,050		
Total budget allocated in 2005/6				£22,403		
Applicant	Project	Amount requested	Amount approved	Date approval given	Grant paid	Ward
Brackensdale Avenue Neighbourhood Watch Association	Shed alarms for residents of Mackworth Estate	£1,000	£1,750	6 July 2005	£1,750	Mackworth
Darley Abbey Society	Mill View Garden plaques	£153	£153	6 July 2005	£153	Darley
Derby City Council Sport Development Team	Area Panel 5 football tournament	£385	£344	6 July 2005	Work to be done by Council	All wards
Mackworth Friday Club	Activity support	£200	£200	6 July 2005	£200	Mackworth
Allestree Memorial Hall	Provision of disabled people's facilities and updated toilets	£2,000	£2,000	12 October 2005	£2,000	Allestree
Allestree Netball Club	Provision for new equipment and kit	£1,234	£1,234	12 October 2005	£1,234	Allestree
Mackworth Link Association	Mackworth Link Day 2005	£200	£200	12 October 2005	£200	Mackworth
Derby City Mission	Conversion of disabled people's toilet facilities	£3,000	£2,000	7 December 2005	£2,000	Allestree
St Edmunds Preschool Playgroup	Additional day for childcare	£791	£791	7 December 2005	£791	Allestree
St John's Methodist Church	Fenced area, notice board and disabled toilet	£2,200	£2,000	7 December 2005	£2,000	Allestree
35 th Derby (Markeaton)	Security fencing	£1,950	£1,950	1 February 2006	£1,950	Darley

Scout Group						
Little Chester Residents Association	Keeping the community in touch	£750	£750	1 February 2006	£750	Darley
Mackworth Estate Community Association	Half-Term Activities and Dance Group	£600	£600	1 February 2006	£600	Mackworth
Mackworth St. Francis Football Club	Goal Posts	£520	£520	1 February 2006	£520	Mackworth
3 rd Derby Boys' Brigade Company	Sports/Games Equipment	£1,991	£1,991	1 February 2006	£1,991	Mackworth
British Legion, Allestree	Installation of Disabled People's ramp	£5,000	£4,000	1 February 2006	£4,000	Allestree
Derby City Council – Commercial Services	Dual waste bins	£1,920	£1,920	1 February 2006	Work to be done by Derby City Council	Allestree, Darley and Mackworth