



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

AREA PANEL 5 7 DECEMBER 2005

Report of Assistant Director of Community Policy

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 three applications for funding received from:

Applicant	Project	Ward	Funds requested
Derby City Mission	Conversion of disabled people's toilet facilities	Allestree	£3,000
St Edmunds Preschool Playgroup	Additional day for childcare	Allestree	£791
St John's Methodist Church	Fenced area, notice board and disabled toilet	Allestree	£2,200
Total			£5,991

- 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 17 October 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.

Applicant	Project	Appraisal Panel recommendation
Derby City Mission	Conversion of disabled people's toilet facilities	Defer
St Edmunds Preschool Playgroup	Additional day for childcare provision	Approve
St John's Methodist Church	Fenced area, notice board and disabled toilet	Approve

- 1.5 The applications meet the criteria previously agreed by the Area Panel. However, the Council constitution states that Area panels can 'use a delegated budget for local environmental and community purposes'. For applications that do not specifically refer to a local activity, consideration needs to be given to the appropriateness of allocating area panel funding. In deciding whether to support the application, the Panel will assess the funding request against its priorities.

1.6 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.

1.7 If the proposal is approved in total, the implications for the total budget for Area Panel 5 will be:

Area Panel 5	£
Budget for 2005/6	£22,000
Funds carried over from 2004/5	£11,050
Total funds available for allocation 2005/5	£33,050
Total commitments to date	£5,881
Sub total of proposals to consider in December 2005	£5,991
Budget remaining if proposals for December 2005 are approved	£21,178
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	£3,349
Sub total of proposals to consider in December 2005	£5,991
Budget remaining if proposals for December 2005 are approved	£6,902
Darley Ward	
Budget for 2005/6	£7,333 +
Carry over from 2004/5	£49
Total available in Darley	£7,382
Total commitments to date	£268
Sub total of proposals to consider in December 2005	£0
Budget remaining if proposals for December 2005 are approved	£7,114
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	£2,264
Sub total of proposals to consider in December 2005	£0
Budget remaining if proposals for December 2005 are approved	£7,161

PROPOSED ACTION

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

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Background papers: Minicom 01332 258522
List of appendices: Area Panel Budget allocation criteria, Application forms stored on file.
Appendix 1 – Summary of implications
Appendix 2 – Summary of applications
Appendix 3 – Funding Approvals 2005/06

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.

SUMMARY OF APPLICATIONS

Applicant 1:	Derby City Mission
Project:	Conversion of disabled people's toilet facilities
Total cost of project:	£7,262
Amount of funding requested:	£3,000
Wards:	Allestree

Description:

Derby City Mission was founded in 1989 working in partnership with churches across Derby. They have assisted disadvantaged families through the Christmas Connection and Basics Bank. Christmas Connection provides gifts and toys to disadvantaged families and the Basics Bank Project has four clinics across Derby providing free debt advice to people on low income. They have a full time schools worker who meets children of disadvantaged families and they also work with the elderly in Residential Nursing Homes.

Derby City Mission is based at 32 Quarn Drive Allestree and their building does not have a disabled people's toilet facility and this is a barrier to disabled people attending the club. Derby City Mission is in the process of submitting a planning application to extend their existing building and to convert their existing toilets to provide male, female and disabled people's facilities. This conversion will involve installing a pumping system so that the new toilets can be at ground level.

There are 25 elderly people, many of whom are disabled, that meet in the building as part of a Tea Time Club. In the past a guitar group and Woodlands Chapel have hired the building. They hope that by providing the new toilets and the larger extension more local groups will use the building.

When all of the planned extension is complete they anticipate moving the Basics Bank Project into the building.

The project is expected to cost £7,262 and match funding is being sought from grants from Age Concern - £300 and other small grants - £3,000.

The Appraisal panel suggested the group contact Derby CVS to check if they were eligible for funding from their Health and Social Care budget.

Additional Information provided after Appraisal Panel meeting:

Derby City Mission confirmed that over 600 users will benefit from their project and 70% come from the Area Panel 5 area. Other users come from elsewhere in the city including Derwent and Abbey ward. The Mission will be contributing £962 to the total cost of £7,262 to convert the toilet facilities.

The cost of this work is higher than would normally be expected for similar conversions because the existing floor level needs to be lowered, a macerator is needed because drain levels are higher, new walls are being built to match existing walls and amendments to existing lighting and power supplies are needed.

Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel

Defer. The Appraisal Panel considered more information was needed to clarify whether the project is for local users or citywide, why the group is not contributing any funds to the project and the actual number of current users who would benefit. The Appraisal Panel noted that the application is for more than the £2,000 guideline. More information has now been provided.

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: St Johns Methodist Church

Project: Fenced area, notice board and disabled toilet

Total cost of project: £3,200

Amount of funding requested: £2,200

Wards: Allestree

Description:

St Johns Church - Community Activities, provides its building on Birchover Way for use by 30 local different community groups or activities each week. This includes scouts, guides, youth club, youth café, ladies club, Allestree Schools Out Club and the local Live at Home Scheme. Nine of these groups have expressed a need for a safe fenced area for the children's groups that use the outdoor facilities. A disabled toilet facility is needed to improve the accessibility of the building for many groups in particular the Live at Home scheme. The church would also like to install a new notice board for groups' to advertise their activities and to inform the community as a whole and encourage more people to take part in community activity. At least 500 people would benefit from the improvements with over 90% living within the Area Panel 5 area.

Match funding of £1,000 has been achieved. Allestree Schools Out Club, which specifically requested the fenced, grassed area will be contributing £50. The remaining £930 will come from church funds and in kind contributions from local tradespeople and volunteer DIY support who will be working on the projects.

The church endeavours to meet the needs of all groups that use the premises and will support the maintenance costs of the improvements. The church has recently provided essential building refurbishment work with replacement windows, soffits and fascias.

£1,670	Fenced area
£1,200	Disabled people's toilet facilities
£330	Notice Board
£3,200	Total

The Appraisal panel suggested the group contact Derby CVS to check if they were eligible for funding from their Health and Social Care budget.

Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel

Approve. Subject to confirming quotes for the fencing and consulting with the planners regarding planning and building regulations approval for the fencing, notice board and toilets. The Appraisal Panel noted that the application is for more than 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 3: St Edmunds Preschool Playgroup

Project: Additional day for childcare provision

Total cost of project: £791

Amount of funding requested: £791

Wards: Allestree

Description: St Edmunds Preschool playgroup was established in 1969 and provides a stimulating environment for preschool children to explore, expand and learn in a safe and controlled environment. At present the playgroup runs four mornings and three afternoon sessions each week.

The playgroup plans to run an additional morning session on a Thursday as a response to requests from parents and to provide continuity for children. The extension of the service will allow children to attend every morning and this would help to establish a routine that would enable them to adjust more easily when they start full-time school.

The funding would enable the group to start to offer the sessions to parents in January 2006. The trial period will run for four months and the funding will pay for rent and staffing costs for this period. At the end of this period as the new session becomes established it will be sustainable through fees charged to parents and a Nursery Education grant for children over three years of age.

The project will provide extra playgroup sessions for up to 15 families at least 90% of whom live in the Area Panel 5 area.

£100	Marketing and advertising
£200	Additional rent from January to April 2006
£441	Staffing costs from January to April 2006
£15	Milk Fees
£35	Art/craft materials
£791	Total

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 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				£5,881		
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