



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

**AREA PANEL 5**  
**6 OCTOBER 2004**

Report of Director of Policy

# ITEM 11

## Area Panel Budget Proposals 2004/5

### SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1.1 The Area Panel 5 budget allocation for 2004/5 is £22,000. The Panel can also carry forward £8,564 from 2003/4. In line with the decision to allocate funds to each ward in proportion, the carry over has been added to the allocation for each ward in the table below.
- 1.2 The Panel is asked to consider four applications for funding received from:

| Applicant                                | Project                           | Ward              | Funds requested |
|--|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Royal British Legion, Allestree Branch   | Repair of Allestree war memorials | Allestree         | £800            |
| Mackworth Estate Community Association   | Memorial to Lonny Wilsoncroft     | Mackworth         | £250            |
| Mackworth Estate Community Link          | Link day                          | Mackworth         | £400            |
| Allestree and Darley Live at Home Scheme | Office set up and transport costs | Allestree, Darley | £2,000          |
| <b>Total funding requested</b>           |                                   |                   | <b>£3,450</b>   |

- 1.3 A short summary of each project is attached to this report in Appendix 2.
- 1.4 All of 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 each application, the Panel will assess each 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 proposals are approved in total, the implications for the total budget for Area Panel 5 will be:

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| <b>Area Panel 5</b>   | <b>£</b>       |
| Budget for 2004/5   | £22,000        |
| Funds carried over from 2003/4                                | £8,564         |
| Total funds available for allocation 2004/5                   | £30,564        |
| Total commitments to date                                     | £1,000         |
| Sub total of proposals to consider in October 2004            | £3,450         |
| <b>Budget remaining if proposals for October are approved</b> | <b>£26,114</b> |
| <b>Allestree ward</b>   |                |
| Budget for 2004/5   | £7,333 +       |
| Carry over from 2003/4  | £6,500         |
| Total available in Allestree                                  | £13,833        |
| Total commitments to date                                     | £0             |
| Sub total of proposals to consider in October 2004            | £1,800         |
| <b>Budget remaining if proposals for October are approved</b> | <b>£12,033</b> |
| <b>Darley Ward</b>  |                |
| Budget for 2004/5   | £7,333 +       |
| Carry over from 2003/4  | £0             |
| Total available in Darley                                     | £7,333         |
| Total commitments to date                                     | £0             |
| Sub total of proposals to consider in October 2004            | £1,000         |
| <b>Budget remaining if proposals for October are approved</b> | <b>£6,333</b>  |
| <b>Mackworth Ward</b>   |                |
| Budget for 2004/5   | £7,333 +       |
| Carry over from 2003/4  | £2,063         |
| Total available in Mackworth                                  | £9,396         |
| Total commitments to date                                     | £1,000         |
| Sub total of proposals to consider in October 2004            | £650           |
| <b>Budget remaining if proposals for October are approved</b> | <b>£7,746</b>  |

1.7 The Area Panel is asked to consider whether it wishes to support the dedication of the awning at Darley Park Café to a member of the local community.

- 1.8 On 2 April 2003, the Panel approved funding for an awning to be fitted to the café at Darley Park. Delays with manufacture and planning approval meant that the awning was fitted only this summer. The Parks Service has now been approached by friends and family of a local man who used the park regularly and who passed away recently. They have asked whether the awning can be dedicated to the memory of the resident. They propose that a plaque be attached to the café inscribed with the words “in memory of C... A.... and all human and canine friends who loved Darley Park and the Terrace Café”. The plaque would be funded from the subscriptions from friends and family.
- 1.9 Views have been expressed both for and against this proposal. While it is clear that dedications have been supported in the past by this Panel, for example, at Knightsbridge play area, Mackworth, these have been for prominent members of the community. Alternatively, it is suggested that public money should not be used on projects which support the memory of individuals.
- 1.10 The views of the Panel are sought.

## PROPOSED ACTION

- 2.1 To consider and determine four applications for area panel funding.
- 2.2 To determine the Panel’s attitude to the dedication of the Darley Park café awning to a member of the local community.

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**List of appendices:** Area Panel Budget allocation criteria, Application forms stored on file.  
Appendix 1 – Summary of implications  
Appendix 2 – Summary of applications and copies of stage 1 forms  
Appendix 3 – Spending progress to date



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| <b>IMPLICATIONS</b> |
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**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, 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 £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.

**SUMMARY OF APPLICATIONS**

**Applicant 1:** Royal British Legion, Allestree Branch

**Project:** Repair of Allestree war memorials

**Total cost of project:** £1,442

**Amount of funding requested:** £800

**Wards:** Allestree

**Description:**

The British Legion are responsible for the upkeep of a number of war memorials at Allestree, including St Edmund's memorial cross and the memorial at the Recreation Ground.

Last year, the Area Panel granted £250 to repair and clean the gates to Allestree Rec, a registered War Memorial. This year, after registering the Recreation Ground entrance gates and the cross in St Edmund's Churchyard with the Imperial War Museum, the British Legion has been able to have a survey done. This has identified the following items in need of repair:

- replace missing letters on St Edmund's memorial cross and to make all lettering legible.
- clean the cross and plinth
- arrest deterioration and repatinate the two panels on Allestree Recreation Ground gate plinths, and to refix.

The cost of the work is estimated at £1,442. An application has been made to Friends of War Memorials for £250, their maximum, for £200 from the Co-operative Association Benevolent Fund, and Allestree British Legion has agreed to donate £200. Any further contribution/donations will be used to cover research costs and photos. The work proposed is an initiative to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Allestree Branch founding.

The work proposed meets the criteria for Area panel funding.

| 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 with in 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 peoples 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.   |  |  |   |

**Applicant 2:**

**Project:** Mackworth Estate Community Association

**Total cost of project:** Memorial to Lonny Wilsoncroft

**Amount of funding requested:** £250

**Wards:** Mackworth

**Description:**

Following the untimely death of Councillor Lonny Wilsoncroft, a number of individuals and organisations in Mackworth agreed that there should be a permanent record of her contribution to the area. The result of these discussions has been that the Community Association has submitted this application. It is proposed that there would be a plaque attached to the Mackworth Clock, which Councillor Wilsoncroft did so much to restore.

The suggestion has been discussed with Councillor Williamson and their family, and they are happy with the idea.

The application meets the criteria for area panel funding.

| 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 with in 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 peoples 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.   |  |  |   |

**Applicant 3:** Mackworth Estate Community Link

**Project:** Link Day

**Total cost of project:** £400

**Amount of funding requested:** £400

**Wards:** Mackworth

**Description:**

The Mackworth Community Link is an organisation that brings together all community and voluntary groups on the estate. It provides a meeting point where all schools, churches, various crime panels and the Mackworth Estate Community Association come together to listen to and assist one another in the work that they do for all residents of Mackworth Estate.

The Community Link day is the opportunity for all organisations to come together to display their activities to the community and also raise funds to be used back in the community. The event is funded by Derby College; however, this year, the group would like to extend their activities. They propose to have displays from the DAYKO gymnastic team from Nottingham, a team of youths aged from 11 years to 17 years of age, and the Ambassadors of Borrowash Carnival band. These displays would be used to encourage young people and others to join with the activities.

The application meets the criteria for area panel funding.

| 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 with in 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 peoples 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.   |  |  |   |

**Applicant 4:** Allestree and Darley Abbey Live at Home Scheme

**Project:** Office set up and transport costs

**Total cost of project:** £24,430

**Amount of funding requested:** £2,000

**Wards:** Allestree/Darley

**Description:**

Live at Home schemes operate throughout the country, under the auspices of the Methodist Homes Association. They have been operating since 1982. A scheme currently operates in Mackworth.

The purpose of the projects are to support older people to remain in their homes rather than move into supported care. Volunteers will be recruited to help provide mental and physical stimulation, thus preventing social isolation, by one-to-one befriending, weekly social activity, outings, escorted medical appointments, collecting prescriptions, accompanied shopping and advocacy and advice. The objective is to provide services for older people living at home in the community in innovative and creative ways that are relevant to meet specific local needs in Allestree and Darley Abbey.

Referrals will be made by a number of routes including GPs' practices, social services, public libraries, the WI, local churches and other voluntary social and welfare groups.

The Steering Group has conducted a survey which showed that a large number of older residents in Allestree and Darley Abbey would like someone to visit them weekly for companionship, or would like to join in with social events if transport were provided.

The total annual costs of running the project in Allestree and Darley Abbey is estimated at £24,430. The Steering Group has made an application to Social Services for half the cost of the Co-ordinator's salary, and other sums are being sought from a number of charities and trusts. £1,500 is being sought from the Methodist Homes Association. £150 has been promised from local churches.

This application seeks assistance with one off costs, which will need to be met if the project is to proceed. This comprises:

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| set up costs, installing telephones, office furniture            | £1,000 |
| transport for members to social events and other operating costs | £1,000 |

Live at Home schemes are generally very successful and are highly regarded by Social Services.

The application meets the criteria for area panel funding.

| 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 with in 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 peoples 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.   |  |  |   |

| APPENDIX 3                                      |   |                  |                 |                     |  |           |
|---|---|------------------|-----------------|---------------------|--|-----------|
| AREA PANEL 5 FUNDING APPROVALS 2004/5           |   |                  |                 |                     |  |           |
| Area Panel Budget for 2004/5                    |   |                  |                 | £22,000             |  |           |
| Budget carried forward from 2003/4              |   |                  |                 | £8,564              |  |           |
| Total budget available for allocation in 2004/5 |   |                  |                 | £30,564             |  |           |
| Sub-total allocated to date                     |   |                  |                 | £1,000              |  |           |
| Balance available for allocation                |   |                  |                 | £29,564             |  |           |
| Applicant                                       | Project   | Amount requested | Amount approved | Date approval given | Grant paid                                     | Ward      |
| Markeaton Primary School and Derby City Council | Video project   | £1,730           | £1,730          | 2 June 2004         | Yes – funded from previous approval underspend | Darley    |
| Mackworth Community Crime Prevention Panel      | Assistance for Neighbourhood Watch schemes in Mackworth | £500             | £500            | 21 July 2004        | Yes  | Mackworth |
| Morley and Mackworth Community Panel            | Morley and Mackworth Community Fun Day                  | £500             | £500            | 21 July 2004        | Yes  | Mackworth |
| <b>Total</b>                                    |   |                  | <b>£1,000</b>   |                     |  |           |