



Area Panel Budget Proposals 2006/7

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1.1 Area Panel 4 budget allocation for 2006/7 is £17,472. The panel has an additional budget of £942 carried forward from 2005/6, which means that a total budget of £18,414 is available for allocation to projects during this financial year.
- 1.2 The Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel met on 12 June 2006 to appraise the application 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	Ward	Funding requested	Officer advice
Blagreaves Neighbourhood Care Group	Serving the Elderly in the Community	Blagreaves	£970	Approve
Total funding requested			£970	

- 1.3 A short summary of the project is attached to this report in Appendix 2.
- 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 proposals are approved, the implications for the total budget for Area Panel 4 in 2006/7 will be:

Area Panel	
Budget for 2006/7	£17,472
Total carried forward from 2005/6	£942
Total available for 2006/7	£18,414
Total commitments to date	£0
Funds to be returned due to under spends on projects	£0
Sub total of proposals to consider in June 2006	£970
Budget remaining if proposals for June are approved	£17,444
Blagreaves Ward	
Total commitments to date	£0
Sub total of proposals to consider in June 2006	£970
Littleover Ward	
Total commitments to date	£0
Sub total of proposals to consider in June 2006	£0
Mickleover Ward	
Total commitments to date	£0
Sub total of proposals to consider in June 2006	£0

PROPOSED ACTION

- 2.1 To consider and determine the application for area panel funding.

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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 and recommendations from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel

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 4 must give reasons for its decision.

Legal

- 2.1 Area Panel 4 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.

Appendix 2

Applicant 1:	Blagreaves Neighbourhood Care Group
Project:	Serving the Elderly in the Community
Total cost of project:	£1,000 +
Amount of funding requested:	£970
Wards:	Blagreaves

Description:

This voluntary group, established in 1984, meets at St. Andrews Church on Blagreaves Lane where they socialise, dance, play games and have refreshments on Friday afternoons. Once a month outings are arranged, in summer for lunch and in winter for tea. There are 24 members in the group who are from 70 to 92 years old.

The main costs are transport, hire of the hall, refreshments and insurance. Other costs include postage, telephone and stationary costs.

The group hires the minibus from Littleover Live at Home scheme when private cars are not available to transport the members to the weekly meeting or on the regular outings. Depending on the actual trip location the transport cost for outings is up to £50 for one outing. This can add up to over £500 for a year.

Some members are collected in private cars for the weekly meetings and the transport costs are £10 a week or about £220 a year.

The group wants support to pay for its activities in 2006/7 including:

- Hire of the hall £300
- Insurance for 2005/6 £120
- Transport costs £500
- Postage, telephone and stationary £50

The members meet about 45 times year and pay a weekly subscription of £1 which has gone up from 50p last year. This raises about £260 a year, which also contributes to the transport costs. They buy their own meals on outings and pay £1 each outing towards the transport costs.

The group have applied again this year for a grant of £200 from Corporate and Adult Social Services. This grant will contribute to the cost of the weekly refreshments.

The group received £789 funding from Area Panel 4 in March 2005 to contribute towards the same costs of Room Hire, Insurance and transport during 2005/6. They have returned their monitoring form.

The group hope to raise funding in future years by attracting donations and sponsors.

Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel

Approve. However, the Appraisal Panel noted that the application is similar to the one approved in March 2005.

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	✓