



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

AREA PANEL 2
22 SEPTEMBER 2004

Report of Director of Policy

Area Panel Budget Proposals 2004/5
SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1.1 The Area Panel 2 budget allocation for 2004/5 is £29,000. The Panel can also carry forward £6,441 from 2003/4.
- 1.2 The Panel is asked to consider four applications for funding received from:

Applicant	Project	Ward	Funds requested
Derby West Indian Community Association	Derby's Caribbean Carnival	City-wide – all wards	£5,000
Sinfin Moor over 60's club	Social and cultural activities	Sinfin	£2,000
GAD Khalsa Sports Club	Youth development	Sinfin	£2,000
Gayton Swimming Club	Purchase of new Swimming Pool equipment and improvements to changing facilities	Sinfin – the facility is located in Blagreaves ward	£1,080
Total funding requested			£10,080

- 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
- it 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 2 will be:

Area Panel 2	£
Budget for 2004/5	£29,000
Funds carried over from 2003/4	£6,441
Total funds available for allocation 2004/5	£35,441
Total commitments to date	£11,242
Sub total of proposals to consider in September 2004	£10,080
Budget remaining if proposals for September are approved	£14,119

PROPOSED ACTION

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

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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

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 £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: Derby West Indian Community Association

Project: Derby's Caribbean Carnival

Total cost of project: £96,996

Amount of funding requested: £5,000

Wards: All wards – City-wide application

Description

Derby's Caribbean Carnival is an established annual social and cultural event - that facilitates participation from a wide age range, a variety of cultural backgrounds in Derby and brings in visitors from across the country. This year's festival takes place on 17 and 18 July mainly on Osmaston Park, but there is also the Carnival procession, which begins in Normanton at Peartree School and proceeds through Normanton to the city centre.

The organising Committee estimates that the Carnival will cost £96,996 including 'in kind' contributions from Derby City Council and volunteer time planning the event. They have already received £21,500 from The Arts Council, £3,000 from the Small Change Fund and £2,000 approved by Council Cabinet from the Arts budget in March 2004. The Council has also committed £13,000 of 'in kind' support for Health and Safety issues and cleaning up after the event. The Committee has also received £5,000 from the Derbyshire Community Foundation.

This is the first year that the Council has contributed financially to the Carnival, and it is a strategic move to show commitment to local community events. The aim is that the grant of £2,000 will lever in other external funding and officers in the Council's Arts and Events section are working with the Carnival organisers to achieve this.

The Committee anticipate over 10,000 people will take part in and attend Derby's Caribbean Carnival for 2004. They aim to encourage as many cultures as possible to participate and propose to invite schools, colleges and youth groups, particularly those who work with young people at risk of exclusion in Normanton, Peartree, Osmaston and Allenton. In 2003, people wanting to participate and perform on stage, including disc jockeys and local entertainers, were turned down by the committee because of the lack of funding.

The Committee requested £25,000 from the area panels because monitoring has shown that people come from all across Derby. They originally asked each area panel to fund £5,000 to contribute to the costs in the table. The figures in the table now reflect the estimated reduced costs supplied by the Committee. To support the area panel to make an informed decision, requests have been made for additional information such as the event plan and a breakdown of the finances applied for from other organisations.

In recognition of the importance of this event and the impact it has on Derby residents, the Council Arts and Events section are committed to working with the Committee over the coming year to secure external funding and private sponsorship.

Activities to be funded by area panels	Cost
Stages on the Market Place and on the park and PA equipment	£6,500
Touring costume bands	£5,350
Contribution towards performing artists at park	£3,150
Total	£15,000

The Carnival takes place on 17 and 18 July and therefore only Area Panels 1, 2 and 3 will consider the application because Area Panels 4 and 5 have their meetings after these dates. As a result of this the Derby West Indian Community Association have been informed that the three area panels could fund a maximum of £15,000.

Additional information for 22 September meeting

This application was deferred by the Panel on 7 July on the grounds that:

“Members asked that the relevant Council Cabinet Member confirm whether Area Panel funding was for small-scale local initiatives raised by local residents/organisations at Area Panel meetings or whether the Council’s custom and practice had changed. Also the Panel asked why sufficient central funding was not available for the Caribbean Carnival.”

It has been confirmed, as stated in paragraph 1.4 of the report that the 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.

The group originally applied to the Council for £15,000 as they have done every year. Last year, as in previous years, the Single Regeneration Budget provided the grant. This year SRB has ceased and the Council’s Arts Department gave a grant of £2,000 and City Parks gave £13,000 in kind towards Health and Safety improvements. The £2,000 was a strategic contribution to show the commitment from the Council towards this event and is likely to be increased next year. It helped lever a £6,000 increase from the Arts Council. The group is now considered as a key client as are other organisations such as Playhouse, Metro and Dance Centre.

The Panel is asked to consider whether they wish to support the proposal.

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: Sinfin Moor over 60s club

Project: Social and cultural activities

Total cost of project: £2,000

Amount of funding requested: £2,000

Wards: Sinfin

Description:

The over 60s club is a social group that meets weekly at Sinfin Moor Social Club. The group has been in existence for many years, with varying levels of activity. It currently has around 50 regular members, although attendances can vary between 20 and 50. The group is constituted and has appropriate officers. The only restriction on membership is of age.

Income to the group is limited. There is no subscription, and there are no grants to the group. However, the use of Sinfin Moor Social Club is free. The group raise money from bingo, raffles and lotteries and they received a grant of £300 from the Sinfin Carnival two years ago. There have been no previous applications for grant funds.

A new Treasurer has been appointed who is trying to turn around the level of activity of the group. Hence this application. The sum of money sought is an estimate of the costs of activities undertaken a few years ago when the group was in its heyday. No estimates have been received. The group has discussed the kind of activities which should be undertaken and has canvassed its membership. The application seeks the full sum from the area panel.

A proportion of the membership of the group lives in South Derbyshire. At this point, no application has been made to South Derbyshire District Council.

The group has no relationship with the Asian over 60s group, which has been funded by this Panel in the past. Technically, any person over the qualifying age is a member of both the Asian over 60s group and the Sinfin Moor over 60s group; in practice the groups lead a separate existence.

The application meets the criteria for area panel funding.

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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	✓
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Applicant 3: GAD Khalsa Sports Club

Project: Youth development

Total cost of project: £2,500

Amount of funding requested: £2,000

Wards: Sinfin

Description:

GAD Khalsa Sports Club has been in existence since 1988. Its members meet to play a range of sports, but with an emphasis on football. There are approximately 120 members. They meet three times a week for training, usually at the King George Playing Fields in Littleover, and play matches at Redwood School, Sinfin and at Pear Tree. The Youth section, comprising teams at ages under 10, under 12, under 14 and under 18, was constituted last year and there are approximately 60 members of this section.

The application seeks funds to enable the development of the youth teams and the youth section as a whole. The application seeks the following amounts:

League entry fees	£500
Referee costs	£400
First aid	£200
Pitch hire costs	£650
Training costs	£300
Affiliation costs	£100
Insurance	£125
Admin costs	£100
Equipment	£125

The Sports Club members pay subscriptions and raise around £300 from community events in the area.

The Treasurer estimates that very few of the members of the Club live in Stenson Fields, with the vast majority living in the City area.

In September 2003, Area panel 2 considered an application for funding from GAD Khalsa, for £4,486 for equipment and fees. The application was deferred by the Panel who sought to understand why matches were then played outside the City. The application was withdrawn ahead of the following Panel.

Area Panel 3 refused an application from GAD Khalsa in September 2003 for £2,300 to purchase kit, pay league fees and provide transport for players, as it was not specific to the ward and includes only a small number of the community.

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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	
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Applicant 4: Gayton Swimming Club

Project: Purchase of new Swimming Pool equipment and improvements to changing facilities

Total cost of project: £10,100

Amount of funding requested: £1,080

Wards: Sinfin

Description:

Gayton Swimming Club is based at the pool in the grounds of Gayton Community Junior School in Blagreaves Ward.

Area Panel 4 has awarded a grant of £4,700 in July 2004 towards this proposal. This grant was specifically to cover the cost of the pool cover replacement and the modernisation of the shower area. However, the Club has now identified that approximately 5% of its users reside in Sinfin. They are thus seeking a grant from Area Panel 2.

The pool was built in 1978 by parents and volunteers. The pool has a full weekday, evening and Saturday morning programme. The three local schools Gayton Community Junior, Ridgeway Infant and St George's Primary schools are the main users, but it is also well used by the local community including, Phoenix Club, Gayton Swimming Club, Ducklings, Gayton, St. Georges and Ridgeway Community Association, Fun Ability, Autistic Society and private parties.

The pool and the building are now in need of modernisation. The priority for the club is to replace the pool cover and the shower area at a cost of £4,700. The club hopes that the improvements will encourage more local groups and residents to use the pool.

To plan for the medium term development of the pool, the club have conducted a user survey in May 2004. The issues identified are to maintain a local swimming pool in Littleover, improve the reception and waiting areas and modernise the changing areas.

To develop these proposals, they propose to commission a survey and feasibility study to determine the options. They will need to employ specialist architects and engineers to carry out the feasibility study and a design survey. It is estimated these will cost £6,100. The club have raised £2,880 towards the cost.

Enquiries by the club have established that there are limited funds available from external sources for major improvements at the pool. The club have started discussions with Sports Development Officers at Derby City Council, the Amateur Swimming Association and Sport England to find ways to improve the pool and attract funding. The club's short term priorities are to address the immediate needs of a cover and shower and then to develop medium-term plans that fit in with their customer expectations.

In 2003, the club spent £13,000 on re-lining the pool. The club paid half of the cost and was successful in bidding for the other half from Derby City Council Seed Challenge money. Earlier this year, the club replaced three pumps costing £6000 entirely from club funds. The club has also worked with Toyota and ASDA as part of their community projects to redecorate the changing rooms and improve the area around the pool.

The funding profile for the project is as follows

a) Purchase and install new pool cover – quote from Progressive	£1,880
b) Purchase and install new shower – quote from Commercial Services	£2,820
c) Cost of Consultancy for Feasibility and Design options and Topographical Survey of building and surrounding area	£6,100
Total Cost of project	£10,800

Contribution from Gayton Swimming club	£2,880
Funding from Area Panel 4	£4,700
Funding still to find	£3,220

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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	✓
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AREA PANEL 2 FUNDING APPROVALS 2004/5						
Area Panel Budget for 2004/5				£29,000		
Budget carried forward from 2003/4				£6,441		
Total budget available for allocation in 2004/5				£35,441		
Sub-total allocated to date				£11,242		
Balance available for allocation				£24,199		
Applicant	Project	Amount requested	Amount approved	Date approval given	Grant paid	Ward
Sinfin Community Council/ Sinfin Carnival	Sinfin carnival funding	£1,000	£1,000	5 May 2004	Yes	Sinfin
Wye Street Neighbourhood Watch	Start up costs	£200	£200	5 May 2004	Yes	Alvaston
172 Derby Cub Scouts, Alvaston	Camping equipment	£1,288	£1,288	5 May 2004	Yes	Alvaston
Merrill Way Allotment Association	Secure storage building	£2,000	£2,000	5 May 2004	Yes	Chellaston
Sankukai Karate	Training mats	£640	£640	5 May 2004	Yes	Boulton
New Sinfin Community Panel	Mobile BMX track hire	£418	£418	7 July 2004	Yes	Sinfin
Booth Street Area Community Neighbourhood Watch	'White' lighting for street lights at junction of Booth, Radford, Benson and Neilson Streets	£900	£900	7 July 2004	Yes	Alvaston
Osmaston Community Association	Garden project	£2,040	£1,200	7 July 2004	Yes	Sinfin
United Alvaston Community Panel	Community Fun Day	£700	£700	7 July 2004	Yes	Alvaston
Sinfin Sharks Football	Kit, equipment, training	£3,500	£500	7 July 2004	Yes	Sinfin

Club	facilities, match fees					
38 th Derby Rainbows	Funding for the local Rainbows Group	£396	£396	7 July 2004	Yes	Alvaston
St Martin's Methodist Church	Disabled toilet	£2,000	£2,000	7 July 2004	Yes	Boulton
Total			£11,242			