



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

AREA PANEL 5 4 July 2007

Report of the Head of Stronger and Safer Communities Unit

Area Panel 5 Budget Proposals 2007/8

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1.1 Area Panel 5 budget allocation for 2007/8 is £17,469. The Panel has an additional budget of £2,568 carried forward from 2006/7, which means that a total budget of £20,037 is available for allocation to projects during this financial year.
- 1.2 The area panel is asked to consider whether to support applications received. A short summary of each project is attached to this report in Appendix 2.
- 1.3 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.
- 1.4 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.
- 1.5 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.
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- 1.6 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.

1.7 If the funding applications are approved, the implications for the total budget for Area Panel 5 in 2007/08 will be:

| | Allestree | Darley | Mackworth | Area Panel 5 | |
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| Budget for 2007/8 | £5823 | £5823 | £5823 | £17,469 | |
| Carried forward from 2006/7 | £1556 | £698 | £314 | £2568 | |
| Funds returned due to underspend/overspend on projects | £0 | £0 | £0 | £0 | |
| Total Budget for 2007/08 | £7379 | £6521 | £6137 | £20037 | |
| Total commitments to date | £0 | £0 | £0 | £0 | |
| Total available to allocate at this meeting | £7379 | £6521 | £6137 | £20037 | |
| | | | | | Advice |
| 1. Allestree Schools Out Club | £1000 | £1000 | £0 | £2000 | Partially Approve |
| 2. Markeaton Leisure Gardens Association | £0 | £750 | £0 | £750 | Partially Approve |
| 3. Chester Green Area Alcohol Free Zone (AFZ) | £0 | £3000 | £0 | £3000 | Defer |
| 4. Darley Abbey Cricket Club | £240 | £320 | £0 | £560 | Approve |
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| Sub-total of proposals to consider at this meeting | £1,240 | £5,070 | £0 | £6,310 | |
| Budget remaining if proposals are approved | £6,139 | £1,451 | £6137 | £13,727 | |

PROPOSED ACTION

2.1 To consider and determine applications 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 officer recommendations |

Appendix 1: Summary of implications

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 5 must give reasons for its decision.

Legal

- 2.1 Area Panel 5 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: Summary of applications and officer advice

Applicant: Allestree Schools Out Club

Project: Security Fence Replacement Project

The group was established: 1986 Received a grant from Derby City Council before? Yes

Details: £500 towards recycling project

Total cost of project: £2948 **Amount of funding requested:** £2000

Wards:

Darley £1000 Allestree £1000

Officer Advice

PARTIALLY APPROVE The project will fund the provision of security fencing around a part of the school's premises. The majority of funding should be provided from the school rather than through Area Panel funding. Whilst the school is contributing through in kind funds, there is no financial commitment.

The application does not make clear whether the school charges the after school club for the use of the building. If this is the case then that further adds to the need for the school to provide the funding.

Description

Allestree School's Out Club is committed to involving the children in its care in varied physical activities. It cares for children who have a wide variety of disabilities and/or weight issues. Unfortunately the club has limited secure outdoor space on which to play games and enjoy activities beneficial to health and well being of its clients.

28000 people are expected to benefit from the grant, of which 90% live in the area.

Evidence of need: Each school holiday the club is based at Saint Benedict School, Duffield Road, Derby where there is hard standing out door space in the form of disused tennis courts but it is not secure. The provision of chain link fence for these areas would provide a safe environment for children to try new and varied activities which would in turn encourage healthier and more active lives. Additionally school and community users would benefit by the area being more user friendly particularly for users with sight or physical disabilities. There would be additional Health & Safety compliancy.

The project will:

Leading Derby towards a better environment by: Providing a safer environment for the community to get more active, benefiting health and well being. Providing more independence for disabled participants

Contribute to environmental improvements which will provide a benefit to local residents by: The security fence replacement project will provide environmental improvements for residents and users in the following ways: ● Reduction of litter on A38 embankment, ● Improvements in the habitat of wildlife on the site and embankment will ensure species will not be disturbed during the breeding season, ● Reduce risk of crime.

Enable residents to participate in their community or at area panel meetings by: The provision of chain link fence for these sporting areas would provide a safe environment for community user to participate in varied activities e.g football, netball, basketball, skipping, rounders which would in turn encourage healthier and more active lives.

Sustainability of the project: One off project cost

Equal opportunities are considered by: Policy for dealing with harassment and equal opportunities attached to application.

Funding requested from the Area Panel for:

| Cost | Activity or item |
|-------------|--|
| £2948 | Based on a court 30mtr x 15mtr: 8 x Rolls green chain link fencing, 25 x Line posts, 4 x Corner posts, 1 x Set single leaf gate set. |

List of activities funded by others:

| Amount | Source |
|---------------|---|
| £0 | In kind labour provided by Saint Benedict School campus staff |

Project Timetable:

Once funding is secured, work will commence

Applicant: Markeaton Leisure Gardens Association

Project: Provision of extra garden sheds

The group was established: c. 1970 Received a grant from Derby City Council before?
No

Total cost of project: £1075 **Amount of funding requested:** £750

Wards:

Darley £750

| Officer Advice |
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| PARTIALLY APPROVE The project provides health and well being benefits to the local community. However, the number of beneficiaries is very limited and as such it is recommended that the organisation increases its financial contribution to the project and the panel makes a small contribution to the cost of the project. |

Description

To meet a growing demand for leisure gardens in the Darley ward (inner city area). We are a leisure garden association with a membership of 32. In reality the persons benefiting from our activities is much greater as leisure gardens are often kept by families who share the hobby. We currently have a waiting list of 12 people with no opportunity for meeting aspirations to gain a garden. A solution identified by the Association is to divide larger plots into two.

Our experience shows that there is a growing demand for smaller leisure gardens, particularly from lady gardeners and elderly persons. We have already successfully implemented this plan with 2 large gardens using our own funds to purchase sheds and associated materials.

We now wish to continue this strategy by purchasing 2 extra sheds to enable a further 4 family plots to be created. 4 families people are expected to benefit from the grant, of which 100% live in the area.

Evidence of need: We have a proven track record that this project is meeting demand. We have 32 members and a waiting list of 12.

The project will:

Make us proud of our neighbourhoods by: The Associations own volunteers have planted a number of hedgerows to improve the local environment. The larger our organisation the more effort we can put into maintaining our surroundings.

Creating a 21st Century City Centre by: Our activities create a pleasant green environment for local residents.

Leading Derby towards a better environment by: Our lease area borders the Markeaton Brook and our members are active in managing the brook environment. The larger our organisation the more volunteers we have for this important work.

Supporting everyone in learning and achieving by: There is a strong sense of community within our organisation where knowledge and experience is shared amongst members young and old, experiences and novice. This project will allow us to increase this knowledge sharing through increase in membership.

Helping us all to be healthy and independent by: We are a green gym.

Giving you excellent services and value for money: We are self funding and run a tight budget with little contingency. Our principle outgoing are the lease payments to Derby City

Council. Our activities reduce the burden on the public purse through the management of the land in question.

Improve access for local people to existing services by: The project will assist the Association to address the demand for leisure gardens from residents.

Contribute to environmental improvements which will provide a benefit to local residents by: The establishment of smaller more manageable plots reduces the risk of larger gardens falling into neglect and becoming an environmental eyesore.

Sustainability of the project: Maintenance of the sheds is the responsibility of the members of the Association under the terms of the rules of the Association. In default responsibility reverts to the Association. A substantial and sustained waiting list implies there is a growing interest in Leisure Gardening and the sustainability of the Association is not considered an issue.

Equal opportunities are considered by: Copy of constitution provided

Funding requested from the Area Panel for:

| Cost | Activity or item |
|-------------|---|
| £750 | 2 Garden sheds x £280 each plus floor slabs and ties [to meet lease holders requirements] |

List of activities funded by others:

| Amount | Source |
|---------------|---|
| £0 | Erection materials and labour will be provided free of charge from within the Association |
| £325 | Cost of shed already purchased plus slabs and ties |

Project Timetable:

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| Dec 2007 | Purchase and erection of sheds |
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Applicant:

Councillor Martin Repton

Project:

Chester Green Area Alcohol Free Zone (AFZ)

The group was established: N/A Received a grant from Derby City Council before? No

Total cost of project: £3000

Amount of funding requested: £3000

Wards:

Darley

£3000

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| Officer Advice |
| DEFER Further evidence is required to justify the establishment of an AFZ; that the process of designation has been completed and all Council and statutory approval is in place. |

Description

To create an Alcohol Free Zone in conjunction with PCSO Leanne Croft (Derbyshire Constabulary) to tackle Anti-Social Behaviour problems by groups of youths engaged in street drinking. There is currently a waiting list for designation of AFZs. Without this funding, Chester Green Residents may need to wait a considerable period before an AFZ could be established for the area.

1-2000 people are expected to benefit from the grant, of which 100% live in the area.

Evidence of need: Derbyshire Constabulary's view and mine as local councillor and more importantly residents is that an Alcohol Free Zone will help Police deal with street drinking in open spaces in Chester Green area and associated anti-social behaviour.

The project will:

Make us proud of our neighbourhoods by: Clean up area by clearing bottles / cans left by street drinking. Stop urinating by the aforesaid and stop other Anti-Social Behaviour that is negatively affecting my constituent's lives.

Provide a service in response to an issue raised in a community update report at an area panel by: Dealing with problems that have been reported to the Council and Police.

Contribute to environmental improvements which will provide a benefit to local residents by: Stopping Anti-Social Behaviour, prevent litter, urinating in public by street drinkers.

Assist in providing an integrated service in response to an issue raised at an area panel meeting by: Enabling the Council and the Police to deal effectively with the highlighted problem.

Enable residents to participate in their community or at area panel meetings by: By responding directly to issues raised by residents.

Sustainability of the project: One off application

Equal opportunities are considered by: Work will be undertaken in line with the Council's Equal Opportunities Policy.

Funding requested from the Area Panel for:

Cost

Activity or item

£3000

Derby City Council have provided an estimate of £3000

List of activities funded by others:

| Amount | Source |
|---------------|-----------------------------|
| £0 | None available at this time |

Project Timetable:

Dependent on DCC Legal Services

Applicant: Darley Abbey Cricket Club

Project: Temporary Room Hire

The group was established: 1992 Received a grant from Derby City Council before? No

Total cost of project: £800 **Amount of funding requested:** £560

Wards:

Allestre £240 Darley £560

Officer Advice

APPROVE The project is seeking a modest amount of one-off fundign to assist them to continue the operation of the cricket club. It will also enable and encourage the use of the new facility.

Description

Darley Abbey cricket club was established in 1992. It has 100 junior members and 60 senior members. They have 3 senior teams, and 7 junior teams and as well as being the headquarters for Derbyshire Disabled Cricket Club. Approximately 40% live in Darley, 30% in Allestree and the remainder live elsewhere in Derby and Derbyshire.

The club had its pavilion destroyed in an arson attack on 7 May 2007. The pavilion contained changing rooms, a bar, kitchen and cricketing equipment, including bowling machines, stumps and practice nets.

Despite the attack, the club has continued to play its matches at the ground thanks to help from local cricket clubs and businesses, which have provided support and equipment. This difficult period has been made easier thanks to support from other local groups and the overwhelming support from the community.

They are using a portacabin on the ground to change in, but it has no toilet facilities. Darley Abbey British Legion and local pub The Abbey have provided tea and toilet facilities for the club.

The club is now looking forward to building a new pavilion, for which designs are at an early stage.

As a temporary measure for the rest of the 2007 season, the club have been in negotiations with the City Council to hire the facilities at The Barn on weekend match days. The Barn is sited adjacent to the cricket club and would provide significantly improved facilities for changing, showering and toilets. The negotiations are subject to final confirmation, but the club aims to use the facilities as soon as the building is available and for the 10 weeks left in the season. The club estimates a cost of about £80 a week, totalling £800 for the season.

The funding is a short-term request, because the club has already started to look at a design for a new pavilion and subject to planning approval hope to have new facilities in time for the 2008 season.

The club is providing match funding by arranging fund-raising events, to make up for lost income from the lack of bar takings bar. Plans are also in place for a charity match in August in association with cricket website Thefollowon.com.

Meanwhile, they have negotiated a nominal fee to use the British Legion as their headquarters for the next year.

Evidence of need: There are over 100 junior members, with the majority coming from the local community who attend the weekly Kwik cricket and junior training sessions.

The project will:

Make us proud of our neighbourhoods by: Making use of facilities and resources available locally.

Provide a service in response to an issue raised in a community update report at an area panel by: Support new community facility and its use.

Assist in providing an integrated service in response to an issue raised at an area panel meeting by: Providing access to a sporting activity to enable health lifestyles for young people.

Enable residents to participate in their community or at area panel meetings by: By providing an activity to enable local people to get involved in their local area and provide a sense of community.

Sustainability of the project: One off application

Equal opportunities are considered by: Work will be undertaken in line with the Darley Abbey Cricket Club's Equal Opportunities Policy.

Funding requested from the Area Panel for:

| Cost | Activity or item |
|-------------|-------------------------|
| £560 | Room Hire |

List of activities funded by others:

| Amount | Source |
|---------------|------------------|
| £240 | Club's own funds |

Project Timetable:

Immediately – duration for 2007 Cricket Season