# **ITEM 10**



## AREA PANEL 5 631 JANUARY 2007

Report of the Head of Stronger and Safer Communities Unit

Area Panel 5 Budget Proposals 2006/7

#### SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1.1 Area Panel 5 budget allocation for 2006/7 is £17,472. The Panel has an additional budget of £380 carried forward from 2005/6, which means that a total budget of £17,852 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 A summary of applications funded in the current financial year are in Appendix 3
- 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 funding applications are approved, the implications for the total budget for Area Panel 5 in 2006/07 will be:

	Allestree	Darley	Mackworth	Area Panel 5	
Budget for 2006/7	£5,824	£5,824	£5,824	£17,472	1
Carried forward from 2005/6	£126	£128	£126	£380	
Funds returned due to underspend/overspend on projects	-£115	-£3,614	£3,729	£0	
in 2005/06 – money owing to Mackworth ward					
Total Budget for 2006/07	£5,835	£2,338	£9,679	£17,852	
Total commitments to date	£3,909	£770	£2,931	£7,610	
Total available to allocate at this meeting	£1,926	£1,568	£6,748	£10,242	
					Advice
Mackworth Community Sports Action Group			£2,358	£2,358	Approve
Derby Wheelchair Basketball Club			£1,500	£1,500	Approve
Mackworth Estate Evergreen			£280	£280	Approve
Midland Canoe Club		£2,000		£2,000	Approve
Mackworth Community Association			£600	£600	Approve
Mackworth St Francis Football Club			£622	£622	Approve
Sub-total of proposals to consider at this meeting	£nil	£2,000	£5,360	£7,360	
Budget remaining if proposals are approved	£1,926	-£432	£1,390	£2,882	

# 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 3 – Summary of Applications funded

## **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 recommendations

Applicant 1: Mackworth Community Sports Action Group

**Project:** 2007 Half Term Sporting Activities

Total cost of project: £2,358

Amount of funding requested: £2,358

Wards: Mackworth

#### **Description:**

Mackworth Community Sports Action Group is focused on the provision of sporting and leisure activities for children and young people to assist with their personal development and to increase physical activity in young people.

Work in the previous few years has demonstrated that the provision of sporting and leisure activities for young people has a marked impact on reducing crime and anti social behaviour on the Mackworth estate.

Working closely with Mackworth Community Association, the group aim to organise half term activities for children and young people. The activities will run in the February half term, Easter break, Summer break and October half term. The provision is for those aged 8 years and over.

Confirmation of the programme of events and activities is not available yet as the organisation is awaiting confirmation of funding. Some of the sessions are delivered inhouse, these are supplemented by external organisations, for example, the Extreme Wheels session.

The budget for the project is as follows. It should be noted that the organisation is seeking funding above the £2,000 guideline.

£825	Extreme Wheels (two sessions)
£940	Two coaches each half term x 4 half terms
£593	Kit for 2 Under 11 squads x 7 at £30 each Hire of sports complex x 4 half terms
£2,358	Total

Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel		
APPROVE – Group should provide further detail on the breakdown of costs.		

Applicant 2: Derby Wheelchair Basketball Club

Project: Wheelchair Basketball

Total cost of project: £1,500

Amount of funding requested: £1,500

Wards: Mackworth

#### **Description:**

Derby Wheelchair Basketball Club is seeking funding to cover the cost of facility hire and specialist coaching staff, from Stoke Mandeville hospital. The club operates from Derby College Sports Hall on the Mackworth Estate working in partnership with Derby Council's Sports and Leisure Department and Mackworth Estate Community Association.

Currently, 12 - 24 wheelchair users take part in the sessions. Approximately six of the users live within the Area Panel 5 area. The sessions originally took place on a monthly basis but have recently moved to fortnightly. The funding from the Area Panel will enable the group to hold weekly sessions.

Specialist wheelchairs are required as part of the activities, currently, they are on loan from a Mansfield based team, however, the group has submitted an application to Sport England to cover the cost of their own equipment.

Members of the group contribute to the cost of the sessions through subscriptions and they cover their own transport costs to the sessions. Derby College and Derby Council provide support to the group through staffing and general support.

The budget for the proposal is:

Items	Cost
Hire of Sports Complex	£825
Hire of Specialist Coaches	£900
TOTAL	£1,725

#### Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel

**PARTIAL APPROVAL** - Not all users live in the area and the applicant should consider approaching the other area panels.

Applicant 3: Mackworth Estate Evergreen

**Project:** Boiler and Crockery

Total cost of project: £280

Amount of funding requested: £280

Wards: Mackworth

#### **Description:**

Mackworth Estate Evergreen project provides a social club for elderly residents of the Mackworth Estate. The social club is seeking funding to replace their hot water boiler and crockery for the social club.

The group operates on a Wednesday afternoon from 2.00-4.30 p.m. They provide tea, coffee and light snacks. Members attending pay a small contribution of £1.50 per week to attend the club.

As part of the club entertainment is provided through music and general activities. The club is publicised widely in the local community through MECA's newsletter and the Link magazine.

The budget for the project is as follows:

£120	Hot water boiler
£150	Cup, saucers and side plates
£30	Large tea pots x 2
£300	Total

### Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel

**APPROVE** – The group is seeking a modest amount of funding and contributes to one of the Council's priorities to build healthy and independent communities.

Applicant 4: Midland Canoe Club

**Project:** Darley Abbey sports coach

Total cost of project: £2,500

Amount of funding requested: £2,000

Wards: Darley

#### **Description:**

The Midland Canoe club has been operating since 1951. The organisation is seeking funding from Area Panel 5 to contribute to the costs of a Community Sports coach. The funding will enable coaching sessions to be available for young people in the local community. This follows an upsurge in interest and membership of the club resulting from a number of events in Darley Park.

The Community Sports Coach is a full time post managed by Derby Youth Services, Derby City Council covers part of the salary cost. The coach will predominantly provide coaching in outdoor sports/pursuits and will be based at the outdoor activity centre in Darley Park. The aim is for a member of staff to be in post by March 2007.

It is hoped that by providing the coaching sessions it will increase levels of interest and membership in the group and encourage increased physical activity and the pursuit of leisure activities for young people in the area.

The club has funding confirmed to cover the majority of the costs of the coaching sessions, the funding being sought from Area Panel 5 is specifically for coaching sessions for local young people of the area and equates to approximately eight hours every week.

The wider work of the club is involved in undertaking, promoting and seeking funds for the improvement of Darley Park.

The budget for the project is as follows and represents costs over two years:

Source	Amount
Community investment Fund	£20,000
Derby City Council	£20,000
Midland Canoe Club	£5,000
Income from services provided	£15,000
Total	£60,000

The club is seeking a £2,000 contribution as part of their £5,000 commitment to the overall costs of the project.

Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel		
APPROVE		

Applicant 5: Mackworth Community Association

**Project:** Dishwasher

Total cost of project: £600

Amount of funding requested: £600

Wards: Mackworth

## **Description:**

Mackworth Community Association is seeking funds to purchase a dishwasher.

The Community Association provides a venue for all residents of the Mackworth Estate to hold their own activities such as birthday parties, lunch clubs and general day-to-day activities.

They are seeking funding to enable the purchase and installation of a dishwasher to enable them to meet health and safety regulations in the kitchen area.

The budget for the project is as follows:

Source	Amount
Dishwasher	£450
Plumbing Services	£150
Total	£600

Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel		
APPROVE		

Applicant 6: Mackworth St Francis Football Club

**Project:** Football Academy

Total cost of project: £602

Amount of funding requested: £602

Wards: Mackworth

### **Description:**

Funding is being sought to develop a football academy for the area. The academy will provide an opportunity for 5 – 7 year olds to participate within the football club.

The club currently provides facilities and teams for older age groups but not for those aged 5 to 7 years.

The project will help young people of the area to lead an active and healthy lifestyle

The budget for the project is as follows:

Source	Amount
20 Full Football Kits (shirts/shorts/socks/tops)	£350
First Aid Kit	£20
Training cones	£33
Size 3 Footballs x 10	£60
Training bibs	£51
Corner flags and poles	£20
Drinks bottles and carriers	£20
CRB checks for coaches	£48
Stop watches	£20
TOTAL	£622

### Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel

### APPROVE - Subject to the following conditions:

Provision of their equal opportunities policy

Provision of their Child protection policy

Days and times of the sessions

Registration of the service with Derby City Council's Children's Information Services

# Appendix 3

AREA PANEL 5 FUNDING APPROVALS 2006/07	
Area Panel Budget for 2006/7	£17,472
Budget carried forward from 2005/6	£380
Total budget available for allocation in 2006/7	£17,852
Funds returned due to underspend during previous years	0
Total budget allocated in 2006/7	£7,610

Applicant	Project	Amount requested	Amount approved	Date approval given	Grant paid	Ward
73rd Derby (Allestree) Scout Group	Stacking chairs	£1,939	£1,939	12 July 2006	£1,939	Allestree
Brackensdale Ave Neighbourhood Watch	Signs and alarms	£1,500	£1,500	12 July 2006	£1,500	Mackworth
Highways Maintenance	Replace existing handrail on Well Street	£700	£700	4 October 2006	£700	Darley
126 (City of Derby) Squadron ATC	Purchase of Landrover	£200	£210	4 October 2006	£210	All wards
Allestree Netball club	Equipment for the club	£1,900	£1,900	6 December 2006	£1,900	Allestree
Mackworth Live at Home	Contribution to project activity	£374	£374	6 December 2006	£374	Mackworth
Mackworth Estate Community Association	Community notice board	£987	£987	6 December 2006	£987	Mackworth