DERBY CITY COUNCIL Report of the Head of Stronger and Safer Communities Unit

# **Area Panel 2 Budget Proposals 2006/7**

#### SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1.1 The Area Panel budget allocation for 2006/7 is £23,292. The Panel has an additional budget of £585 carried forward from 2005/6. Returned, unspent funding from 2002/3 of £1487 means that a total budget of £25,363 is available for allocation to projects during this financial year. The allocation is split by ward.
- 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 for the current financial year is provided in Appendix 3
- 1.4 The area panel is asked to consider whether to support the Tree Management proposals as set out in Appendix 4.
- 1.5 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.
- 1.6 The funding criteria state that applicants 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.
- 1.7 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 panel
  - shows 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.
- 1.8 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.
  - 1.9 If the funding applications are approved, the implications for the total budget for Area Panel 2 ir

	Alvaston	Boulton	Chellaston	Sinfin	Area
Budget for 2006/7	£5,823	£5,823	£5,823	£5,823	£23,292
Carried forward from 2005/6	£146	£146	£146	£146	£585
Funds returned due to underspend on projects in 2005/06	£0	£0	£0	£1487 <sup>1</sup>	£0
Total Budget for 2006/07	£5,969	£5,969	£5,969	£7456	£25,363
Total commitments to date	£4,925	£5,374	£5,090	£5,675	£20,064
Total available to allocate at this meeting	£1,044	£1,595	£879	£1781	£5299

Funding Applications – March 2007							
1. Diseworth Close Fencing	£0	£0	£850	£0	£850	Approve	
2. Sinfin Community Council	£0	£0	£0	£1780	£1780	Approve	

Sub-total of proposals to consider at this meeting	£0	£0	£850	£1780	£2630
Budget remaining if proposals are approved	£1,044	£1,595	£29	£1	£2669

# PROPOSED ACTION

- 2.1 To consider and determine applications for area panel funding.
- 2.2 To consider and determine Tree Management proposals.

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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 advice
	Appendix 3 – Summary of Applications funded
	Appendix 4 – Summary of Tree Management Proposals

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Returned to Sinfin ward budget following the non-expenditure of projects from 2003/4 (Sinfin Village Community Association - Sports equipment)

## **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 2 must give reasons for its decision.

Comment [D1]: Where there is only one sub-paragraph, number it 1., where there are two or more, number them 1.1, 1.2, 1.3 and so on.

### Legal

- 2.1 Area Panel 2 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 priorities**

5.1 The provision of grants to community projects can contribute to the delivery of the Council's key priorities.

#### Appendix 2: Brief summary of applications and officer advice

Applicant: Councillor Tittley and Councillor Ingall

Project: Diseworth Close Fencing

Total cost of project: £850

Amount of funding requested: £850

Wards:

Chellaston £850

Officer Advice	
Approve	

### **Description**

Application on behalf of constituents by Ward Councillor

Residents of Diseworth Close have been experiencing anti-social behaviour from people using the adjacent open space and passing through the Close. They have also experienced some problems arising from parents parking in the Close and taking their children to and from the schools on the other side of the open space. The residents have approached their local councillors with a request to close the access onto the open space from Diseworth Close.

The Head of Parks has confirmed that Derby City Council Parks will be responsible for future maintenance and replacement of the fencing.

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

Evidence of need: Residents of Diseworth Close approached their local councillors requesting that the access onto the open space be closed. As a result, consultation was undertaken by Derby City Council to find out wider local opinion as to whether an access closure would be supported. The consultation found that 75.5% of residents consulted would not be affected by a closure, 16.3% were in support of a closure.

The project will:

Improve the quality of life in Derby's neighbourhoods by: Residents of Diseworth Close will benefit from the project through the reduction of vehicular and pedestrian traffic using the Close and associated anti social behaviour. Some residents may feel disadvantaged by the closure.

Contribute to environmental improvements which will provide a benefit to local residents by: Through the closure of the access to the open space, the residents of Diseworth Close will experience a reduction in the amount of vehicular and pedestrian traffic and anti-social behaviour in the Close.

Sustainability of the project: A one-off project, the City Council Parks Department will undertake future maintenance.

Equal opportunities are considered by: Derby City Council Equality and Diversity Policy will be adhered to.

#### Funding requested from the Area Panel for:

£600 Fence, £100 Mowing Strip, £150 Administration Fees

#### **Project Timetable:**

Manufacture and installation: 8-10 weeks from when funding agreed

Applicant: Sinfin Community Carnival

Project: Sinfin Carnival

The group was established: 1975

Received a grant from Derby City Council before? Yes When: 2006

Details: £900 from Area Panel 2

Total cost of project: £3000 Amount of funding requested: £1780

Wards: Sinfin: £1780

#### Officer Advice

Approve

#### Description

A carnival to bring together the people of Sinfin. The population of Sinfin people are expected to benefit from the grant, of which all live in the area.

Evidence of need: The carnival has been well attended by the people of Sinfin in the past and has been requested to put it in again.

The project will:

*Improve the quality of life in Derby's neighbourhoods by:* To bring joy and happiness to a diverse ethnic community.

Encourage lifelong learning and achievement by: Learning to live & celebrate together.

Deliver excellent services, performance and value for money by: We believe we have achieved this in the past

Improve access for local people to existing services by: Local services attend and inform the people of their usefulness

Contribute to environmental improvements which will provide a benefit to local residents by: To show people what has been achieved and what is planned for the future by involving the Neighbourhood Team.

Enable residents to participate in their community or at area panel meetings by: Encourages local people to integrate and work together to access information about community projects and how they can get involved.

Sustainability of the project: The carnival has been running since the 1970's and will run for many years to come given local people's efforts.

Equal opportunities are considered by: The group has no bar on race, colour, creed or ability. Everyone in our area is very welcome to enjoy and participate in the carnival and the running of the same.

#### Funding requested from the Area Panel for:

Cost	Activity or item
£1500	Entertainment: Bands, Medieval enactment, dancing groups, etc
£250	Insurance
£400	Equipment Hire

£300 Advertising: Publicity

£140 Stewarding: First Aid, Marshalling

£50 Other Fees: Licensing, etc.

£150 Skip Hire and cleansing

£210 Other costs and Contingencies - not determined but greater than £200

# List of activities funded by others:

Amount Source

£500 Rolls Royce - Promised £500 Derby Homes - Requested

£Additional Group fundraising

## **Project Timetable:**

30th June 2007 Carnival Day (10.00 am to 5.00 pm)

# **Appendix 3: Summary of Applications funded**

AREA PANEL 2 FUNDING APPROVALS 2006/07		
Area Panel Budget for 2006/7	£23,292	
Budget carried forward from 2005/6	£585	
Total budget available for allocation in 2006/7	£23,877	
Total budget allocated in 2006/7	£20,064	

Applicant	Project	Amount requested	Amount approved	Date approval given	Grant paid	Ward
Seven Steps Judo Kwai	Equipment and hire of facilities	£1,000	£1,000	17 January 2007	£1,000	Boulton
Nightingale Junior School	Furniture and resources	£1,000	£1,000	17 January 2007	£1000	Alvaston - £200 Boulton - £200 Sinfin - £600
Alvaston Park Friends	Set up costs	£2,100	£2,100	17 January 2007	£2100	Alvaston
Derby City Council – Area Panel 2	Tree management works	£500	£500	8 November 2006	£500	Chellaston
Allenton Traders Association	CCTV and Community Safety equipment and resources for shops at Allenton District Centre	£2,000	£1,781	8 November 2006	£1,781	Alvaston - £200 Boulton - £1,116 Chellaston - £265 Sinfin - £200
Brigden Avenue Allotments Association	Security improvements – replacements gates and fencing	£2,204	£1,000	8 November 2006	£1,000	Alvaston
St Martin's School	Extended Services at St Martin's School – Breakfast club	£1,371	£800	8 November 2006	£800	Alvaston - £600 Boulton - £100 Chellaston - £50 Sinfin - £50
Upbeat Mondays	Youth Dance Club	£750	£300	8 November 2006	£300	All wards (£75 per ward)

Applicant	Project	Amount requested	Amount approved	Date approval given	Grant paid	Ward
Field Lane Playgroup	Toys, books and equipment for a newly formed playgroup	£2,000	£411	8 November 2006	£411	Boulton
Derby City Council – Area Panel 2	Tree management works	£1,750	£1,750	6 September 2006	£2,250 *See appendix 4 for breakdown of spend per ward	All wards (Chellaston £1,500 + £250 for each other ward)
Osmaston Community Association	Revamp after vandalism	£1,700	£500	6 September 2006	£500	Sinfin
Noel Baker Community School	Allotment shed	£922	£922	6 September 2006	£922	Boulton £722 and Chellaston £200
Sinfin Moor Church	Footpath repairs	£2,000	£500	6 September 2006	£500	Sinfin
126 (City of Derby) Squadron	Land rover	£2,000	£1,000	14 June 2006	£1,000	All wards £250 each
AIMES	Sinfin newsletter	£1,900	£500	14 June 2006	£500	Sinfin
Chellaston Bowls Club	Building Renewal Fund	£1,500	£1,500	14 June 2006	£1,500	Chellaston
Chellaston Residents Association	Chellaston Recreation Action Group – youth shelter	£5,000	£1,000	14 June 2006	£1,000	Chellaston
OPPRA	Osmaston Park Family Fun Day	£3,000	£1,500	14 June 2006	£1,500	All wards (Sinfin £750 + £250 for each other ward)
Sinfin Primary School	Provision of steel pans	£3,000	£2,000	14 June 2006	£2,000	Sinfin

# Appendix 4 – Summary of Tree Management Proposals

	Alvaston	Boulton	Chellaston	Sinfin	Area
Budget for 2006/7	£250	£250	£1,500	£250	£2,250
Total commitments to date	0	0	£1,000	0	£1,000
Total available to allocate at this meeting	£250	£250	£500	£250	£1,250

# **Proposals**

Removal of tree (Arkendale Walk and Coverdale Close area)	£250	£0	£0	£0	£250

Sub-total of proposals to consider at this meeting	£250	£0	£0	£0	£0
Budget remaining if proposals are approved	£0	£250	£500	£250	£1,000