



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

## AREA PANEL 5 6 DECEMBER 2006

Report of the Head of Stronger and Safer Communities Unit

# ITEM 11

### 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:

	<b>Allestree</b>	<b>Darley</b>	<b>Mackworth</b>	<b>Area Panel 5</b>	
Budget for 2006/7	£5,824	£5,824	£5,824	£17,472	
Carried forward from 2005/6	£126	£128	£126	£380	
Funds returned due to underspend/overspend on projects in 2005/06 – money owing to Mackworth ward	-£115	-£3,614	£3,729	£0	
<b>Total Budget for 2006/07</b>	<b>£5,835</b>	<b>£2,338</b>	<b>£9,679</b>	<b>£17,852</b>	
Total commitments to date	£2,009	£770	£1,570	£4,349	
<b>Total available to allocate at this meeting</b>	<b>£3,826</b>	<b>£1,568</b>	<b>£8,109</b>	<b>£13,503</b>	
					<b>Advice</b>
Allestree Netball club	£1,990	£0	£0	£1,990	Approve
Mackworth Live at Home	£0	£0	£374	£374	Approve
Mackworth Estate Community Association	£0	£0	£610	£610	Approve
Cricklewood Childrens Home	£0	£0	£1,000	£1,000	Approve
Local resident - Italianate Fountain	£0	£1,369	£0	£1,369	Approve
<b>Sub-total of proposals to consider at this meeting</b>	<b>£1,990</b>	<b>£1,369</b>	<b>£1,984</b>	<b>£5,343</b>	
<b>Budget remaining if proposals are approved</b>	<b>£1,836</b>	<b>£199</b>	<b>£6,125</b>	<b>£8,160</b>	

## PROPOSED ACTION

2.1 To consider and determine applications for area panel funding.

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<b>Background papers:</b>	Area Panel Budget allocation criteria, Application form stored on file.
<b>List of appendices:</b>	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:** Allestree Netball Club

**Project:** Club Development

**Total cost of project:** £4,300

**Amount of funding requested:** £1,990

**Wards:** Allestree

### Description:

Allestree Netball Club was set up in November 2004 and has over 90 members mainly from Allestree. The club can now enter more teams into the Leagues and plan to set up a Saturday morning league, to run as part of the clubs development. They train at Woodlands Community School and have developed links with the school. Two junior members have attended County trials and the club has entered their first tournaments.

The club now need to provide equipment and training for their new teams. This includes team kit and equipment as well as training for the volunteer members in coaching, umpiring, managing, first aid and the duty of care. The All England Netball Association will provide the training.

The club has been fundraising, increasing membership and training fees and relying on members to pay for their own courses to help cover the costs and maintain the club development. However courses and kit are very expensive and while the club has organised fundraising activities such as raffles, a 24-hour sponsored netball marathon in July, and received business donations more funding is needed to sustain the development.

In response to the decision at Area Panel 5 on 4 October 2006 the club has revised their application. They are seeking funding for new netballs, kit for the Under 11 teams and Junior teams as well as some funding to train the volunteers as umpires and coaches. They have applied to 'Awards for All' for funding but have been turned down. To help fund the other £2,310 of costs for kit, first aid, coaching, duty of care and training courses they are applying to The John Weston Charitable Trust and for funding from the Grants to Voluntary Organisations from Sport and Leisure as well as continuing to organise fundraising events.

£190	10 size 4 netballs = £60, 10 soft balls = £30, 20 reaction balls = £100
£800	Kit for 2 junior squads x 8 at £50 each
£420	Kit for 2 Under 11 squads x 7 at £30 each
£100	Level one Umpire Course for 4 members at £25 each
£320	Level B Umpire Course for 2 members at £160 each
£160	Coaching Course Preliminary Level for 4 members at £40 each
<b>£1,990</b>	<b>Total</b>

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

Approve.

**Applicant 2:** Mackworth Live at Home

**Project:** Activity equipment

**Total cost of project:** £374

**Amount of funding requested:** £374

**Wards:** Mackworth

**Description:**

Mackworth Live at Home is a small local charity that has been running for 11 years. It provides a range of services to older people in Mackworth to enhance their quality of life. The aim is to reduce isolation and help support independent living.

The group is one of nine across the city of Derby and over 80 similar organisations are spread across the UK. The group currently employs two part time members of staff who are supported by 17 volunteers, serving a membership of 78 persons. The group comes under the umbrella of the Methodist Homes for the Aged, however, it is non-denominational regarding staff, volunteers and the members who benefit from the services offered.

The group organises a weekly luncheon club on Mondays and activities such as Bingo, talks and singing on Wednesdays. Currently, thirty residents attend Wednesday sessions, however, the numbers have been increasing over time and as a result the group would like to extend the range of activities available on Wednesdays. Therefore, the group is seeking financial support to purchase a range of equipment and resources. This will enable the expansion of physical and mentally stimulating activities for the residents. The group feels these activities will contribute to maintaining and improving members' mental and physical health.

Members pay £1 for each session or £2 if transport is included, to cover the running costs.

The budget for the proposal is:

Items	Cost
8 sets of Scrabble Board Game	£110
Gentle Exercise Tape/Bean Bags	£21
Jumbo resource/crosswords & circle puzzles book	£38
Musical quiz on CD/Quiz book for groups – 'Famous People'	£47
Group activities for older adults' resources book	£30
Activity ideas for budget minded resource book	£13
Bingo cards and Dominos	£76
including VAT - on all items except the scrabble sets	£39
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£374</b>

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

Approve. The group have been advised to contact the Primary Care Trust to see if they can offer any resources to support the work of the group

**Applicant 3:** **Mackworth Estate Community Association**

**Project:** Community Notice Board

**Total cost of project:** £610

**Amount of funding requested:** £610

**Wards:** Mackworth

**Description:**

Mackworth Estate Community Association – MECA, want to provide a community notice board because there is no official notice board on the Mackworth Estate. Many groups have problems advertising their individual activities, especially now that some local shops charge for putting up advertisements in their windows. The board will not be available for individual use but will be available to groups that are part of Mackworth Link including the local churches, local community groups and organisations.

The notice board will enable community groups to increase local participation in their activities, and including activities such as area panel meetings and police liaison meetings. The information on the board will be maintained and managed by MECA who will have a key.

The board will be 1200 x 800mm in size made of hardwood with a ply back with one door using Lexan antivandal Perspex panels and locks. It will be fixed on two posts fitted into the flower bed outside the shops on Prince Charles Avenue beside the steps underneath the clock. They have received quotes and will use Derby Homes to complete the work. MECA will need to apply for Advertisement Consent to install the board.

MECA will take on responsibility for maintaining the board should it be damaged or need maintaining. The land on which the board will be erected is maintained by Derby Homes and they have agreed for the board to be installed and will take on maintenance responsibilities should MECA be wound up in the future.

£480	Construction and installation by Derby Homes
£75	Advertisement consent
£55	Administration costs – to contribute to overheads experienced by MECA
<b>£610</b>	<b>Total</b>

<b>Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel</b>
Approve, subject to advertisement consent being confirmed.

**Applicant 4:** **Cricklewood Childrens Home**

**Project:** Childrens Home Furniture

**Total cost of project:** £3,122+

**Amount of funding requested:** £1,000

**Wards:** Mackworth

**Description:**

Cricklewood Childrens Home is based in Mackworth and provides a service to children from across Derby. Since it was set up in 1971 the home and the children who have lived there have become part of the Mackworth local community. The children interact with local schools, some have attended church and local groups such as boys brigade. Last year they raised £233 for Save the Children by doing a sponsored walk.

Cricklewood provides a long term home for up to six Derby children aged 8 to 12 years old who cannot live at home for various reasons such as neglect or abuse. After their time at the home the children will move on to foster carers or another children's home in Derby. Cricklewood strives to provide a homely environment that helps children to improve their learning, provide better self esteem and improves their life chances.

To help provide this environment Cricklewood now needs new furniture and fittings for the lounge including new curtains, three new settees, a sideboard and dining chairs.

The settees were new in March 2002 and since then about 20 children have lived at the home. The new furniture needs to be bought from agreed suppliers to guarantee they are of suitable quality and standard including fire safety requirements, but this limits choice.

Cricklewood has an equipment budget of £1,500 and while this is sufficient for replacing most items and equipment that need replacing, it is insufficient when large items need replacing. They plan to use the £1,500 in this budget towards the costs but need further funding to purchase all the settees, curtains and chairs. They plan to buy the sideboard from next years.

<b>Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel</b>
Approve

<b>Applicant 5:</b>	<b>Local resident - Italianate Fountain</b>
<b>Project:</b>	Repairs to Italianate Fountain
<b>Total cost of project:</b>	£1,369
<b>Amount of funding requested:</b>	£1,369
<b>Wards:</b>	Darley

**Description:**

The Italianate fountain has local interest because originally it stood in the grounds of Markeaton Hall that was demolished. A local resident who lived close to the Derwent Park entrance luckily rescued it from an unseemly fate and in 1996 donated it to the Council on the understanding that it would be located at the South Drive entrance with an avenue of 'Skyrocket' - *Juniper Scopulurum* trees.

The base of the fountain is scalloped stone with an ornate wrought iron frame with different patterned finials. Interwoven around the frame is a very delicate metal work structure of trailing ivy leaves. Parks and their architectural features, built structures and ornamental furniture are a necessity that contribute an immeasurable treasure contributing to people's quality of life, cultural heritage and visual amenity.

This application for funding has been made by a local resident who has commented that 'some of the metal work requires urgent renovation involving repair and replacement of the ivy leaves and two or three of the finials that are missing largely due to corrosion of the exposed metal work. The whole metal structure requires appropriate preparation, treatment and painting in the original heritage colours. This has to be carried out by the appropriate skilled tradesmen using the correct materials. I think that the stonework develops its own patina which I think is harmless so it needs to be confirmed whether it requires cleaning.'

Environmental Services has no budget available to complete this maintenance work, because the priority for all available funding is health and safety issues on parks, other than existing programmed work. However, the Parks section in Environmental Services has now received quotes for the repairs and painting of the wrought iron.

£600 - repairs  
£769 – painting  
£1,369 - total

Given that the quotes have been obtained separately, this gives the Area Panel the option to pay for the repairs only rather than for all of the refurbishment. However, officers recommend that approval is not given to the repairs only because the paint is needed to protect the repairs.

Environmental Services have agreed to take responsibility for maintenance in future.

<b>Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel</b>
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Approve, in total but not the repairs only.
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### 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				£4,349		
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

