



Area Panel Budget Proposals 2004/5

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1.1 Area Panel 4 budget allocation for 2004/5 is £22,000 and is available to allocate to projects during this financial year. A list of projects funded so far in 2004/5 is attached to this report in Appendix 3. The budget remaining for this financial year is £7,568.
- 1.2 There are no new applications for funding for Area Panel 4.
- 1.3 The Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel met on 7 December 2004 to appraise the applications received for funding, from all five Area Panels, against the new criteria agreed by Council on 21 April 2004. There were no requests for funding from Area Panel 4. The purpose of the Appraisal Panel is to consider and appraise each application to support the Area Panel to make decisions about whether to approve applications. The new template for reporting the recommendations made by the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel is shown in Appendix 2. The recommendations are based on the information provided by the applicants measured against the area panel funding criteria.
- 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 new funding criteria, included in the Council Constitution, says 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 The implications of having no applications for funding in January 2005, for the total budget for Area Panel 4 in 2004/5 will be:

Area Panel 4	
Budget for 2004/5	£22,000
Commitment carried forward from 2003/4	£0
Total commitments to date	£14,432
Total budget available for allocation in January 2005	£7,568
Sub-total of proposals to consider in January 2005	£0
Budget remaining	£7,568
Blagreaves ward	
Total commitments to date	£8,016
Sub-total of proposals to consider in January 2005	£0
Littleover ward	
Total commitments to date	£1,216
Sub-total of proposals to consider in January 2005	£0
Mickleover ward	
Total commitments to date	£5,200
Sub-total of proposals to consider in January 2005	£0

PROPOSED ACTION

2.1 To note that no applications for funding were considered by the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel.

2.2 To note the Area Panel 4 funding still available for 2004/05 and the projects funded in 2004/05 set out in Appendix 3.

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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 – New format for Summary of applications and recommendations from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel
 Appendix 3 – Funding approvals for 2004/5

Appendix 1

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, Area Panel 4 must give reasons for its decision.

Legal

- 2.1 Area Panel 4 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.

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

Applicant 1:

Project:

Total cost of project:

Amount of funding requested:

Wards:

Description:

Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel	

Area Panel funding criteria	
The application must provide a service in response to the needs of local residents	
In addition, the application must meet at least one of the following:	
Improve access for local people to existing services.	
Provide a service in response to an issue raised in a community update report or at an area panel.	
Contribute to environmental 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	

Area Panel funding priorities	
Community or voluntary group	
Shows evidence of match funding or self help	
Provides a service in response to the needs of local residents	
Directly benefit people living in the geographical area covered by the area panel	
Evidence of how the project will be sustained beyond the period of funding	
Contributes to the delivery of one or more of the objectives or priorities set out in the Council's Corporate Plan	

Corporate objectives – the application must meet at least one	
Job opportunities	
Strong and positive neighbourhoods	
Education	
Protecting and supporting people	
A healthy environment	
Shops, commercial and leisure activities	
Integrated, cost effective services	

AREA PANEL 4 FUNDING APPROVALS 2004/5						
Area Panel Budget for 2004/5				£22,000		
Budget carried forward from 2003/4				£0		
Total budget available for allocation in 2004/5				£22,000		
Total budget allocated in 2004/05				£14,432		
Applicant	Project	Amount requested	Amount approved	Date approval given	Grant paid	Ward
Littleover Lane Allotments Association	Building New Toilet Block	£600	£600	19 May 2004	Yes	Blagreaves
Mickleover Community Association	Two New Notice Boards	£200	£200	19 May 2004	Yes	Mickleover
118 th Scout Group	Extension to 118 th Scout Group Headquarters	£2,000	£2000	19 May 2004	Yes	Blagreaves
Gayton Swimming pool	Purchase of pool cover and new shower installation	£7,920	£4,700	21 July 2004	Yes	Blagreaves
Mickleover Action Group	Installation of a sports wall on Vicarage Park	£5,000	£5,000	21 July 2004	No	Mickleover
Littleover Grange Hall Community Association	External Repair and Decoration	£1,432	£1,432	28 September 2004	Yes	Littleover and Blagreaves
Littleover Community School	Transport costs for Black History Month project	£1,000	£500	28 September 2004	Yes	Littleover
Total			£14,432			

