



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

## AREA PANEL 5 1 FEBRUARY 2006

Report of Assistant Director of Community Policy

### Area Panel Budget Proposals 2005/6

### SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.1 The Area Panel 5 budget allocation for 2005/6 is £22,000. The Panel has an additional budget of £11,050 carried forward from 2004/5, which means that a total budget of £33,050 is available for allocation to projects during this financial year.

1.2 The Panel is asked to consider six applications for funding received from:

Applicant	Project	Ward	Funds requested
35 <sup>th</sup> Derby (Markeaton) Scout Group	Security fencing	Darley	£1,950
Little Chester Residents Association	Keeping the community in touch	Darley	£750
Mackworth Estate Community Association	Half-Term Activities and Dance Group	Mackworth	£1,200
Mackworth St. Francis Football Club	Goal Posts	Mackworth	£520
3 <sup>rd</sup> Derby Boys' Brigade Company	Sports/Games Equipment	Mackworth	£1,991
British Legion, Allestree	Installation of Disabled People's ramp	Allestree	£5,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>£11,411</b>

1.3 A short summary of each project is attached to this report in Appendix 2.

1.4 The Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel members have appraised the applications against the agreed criteria. The purpose of the Appraisal Panel is to support the Area Panel to make decisions about whether to approve applications. Recommendations are based on the information provided by the applicants measured against the area panel funding criteria.

Applicant	Project	Recommendation
35 <sup>th</sup> Derby (Markeaton) Scout Group	Security fencing	Approve
Little Chester Residents Association	Keeping the community in touch	Approve
Mackworth Estate Community Association	Half-Term Activities and Dance Group	Approve
Mackworth St. Francis Football Club	Goal Posts	Approve

3 <sup>rd</sup> Derby Boys' Brigade Company	Sports/Games Equipment	Approve
British Legion, Allestree	Installation of Disabled People's ramp	Approve

1.6 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.

1.7 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.

1.8 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.

1.9 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.

1.10 If the proposals are approved, the implications for the total budget for Area Panel 5 in 2005/6 will be:

<b>Area Panel 5</b>	<b>£</b>
Budget for 2005/6	£22,000
Funds carried over from 2004/5	£11,050
Total funds available for allocation 2005/6	£33,050
Total commitments to date	£10,672
Funds to be returned due to under spends on projects	£146
Sub total of proposals to consider in February 2006	£11,411
<b>Budget remaining if proposals for February 2006 are approved</b>	<b>£11,113</b>

<b>Allestree ward</b>	
Budget for 2005/6	£7,333 +
Carry over from 2004/5	£8,909
Total available in Allestree	£16,242
Total commitments to date	£8,140
Funds to be returned due to under spends on projects	
• football tournament	£49
Sub total of proposals to consider in February 2006	£5,000
<b>Budget remaining if proposals for February 2006 are approved</b>	<b>£3,151</b>
<b>Darley Ward</b>	
Budget for 2005/6	£7,333 +
Carry over from 2004/5	£49
Total available in Darley	£7,382
Total commitments to date	£267
Funds to be returned due to under spends on projects	
• football tournament	£48
Sub total of proposals to consider in February 2006	£2,700
<b>Budget remaining if proposals for February 2006 are approved</b>	<b>£4,463</b>
<b>Mackworth Ward</b>	
Budget for 2005/6	£7,333 +
Carry over from 2004/5	£2,092
Total available in Mackworth	£9,425
Total commitments to date	£2,265
Funds to be returned due to under spends on projects	
• football tournament	£49
Sub total of proposals to consider in February 2006	£3,711
<b>Budget remaining if proposals for February 2006 are approved</b>	<b>£3,498</b>

## PROPOSED ACTION

- 2.1 To consider and determine the six applications for area panel funding.
- 2.2 To note the Area Panel 5 funding still available for 2005/06 and the projects funded in 2005/06 set out in Appendix 3.

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Area Panel Budget allocation criteria, Application forms stored on file.

Appendix 1 – Summary of implications

Appendix 2 – Summary of applications

Appendix 3 - Funding Approvals 2005/06

<b>IMPLICATIONS</b>
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**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, the Panel must give reasons for its decision.

**Legal**

- 2.1 The Area Panel 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 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.

**Applicant 1:** 35<sup>th</sup> Derby (Markeaton) Scout Group

**Project:** Security fencing

**Total cost of project:** £2,202

**Amount of funding requested:** £1,950

**Wards:** Darley

**Description:**

The group was founded in 1914 and occupies over half an acre that includes the Group Headquarters and an area for games on Watson Street. The group comprises Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorer Scouts totalling about 80 members. There is also a Brownie and Guide group that use the building. The majority of the membership comes from the local area including the 'West End'. Other organisations use the building including the Youth Hostels Association as well as private parties. Overnight stays in the grounds are also arranged. The group depends entirely on fundraising by its members including a Summer fayre and Bonfire night.

This project is to erect security fencing to prevent trespassers and vandals from entering the grounds. In recent times the group has suffered loss of equipment and damage to property caused by intruders. The previous fence has now decayed and no longer serves its purpose. The new fence would also offer more protection for allotment holders on the Ashbourne Road and District Allotments Association on Mackworth Road who have also suffered loss and damage caused by vandals.

The funding will pay for 34 metres of low maintenance galvanized steel palisade fencing. Once erected the group would maintain the fence. The group will be providing the remaining £250 funding either from a loan from the groups mini-bus fund or loans from group members.

The fencing is regarded as one of the group's priorities to improve safety and protection of equipment. The work would commence as soon as funding is available.

Area Panel 5 allocated the group £1,729 in July 2003 for repairs to the scout hut.

<b>Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel</b>	
Approve. Subject to any planning approval that may be required.	

<b>Area Panel funding criteria</b>	
The application must provide a service in response to the needs of local residents	✓
<b>In addition, the application must meet at least one of the following:</b>	
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	✓

<b>Area Panel funding priorities</b>	
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 set out in the Council's Corporate Plan	✓

**Applicant 2:** Little Chester Residents Association

**Project:** Keeping the community in touch

**Total cost of project:** Approximately £2,000

**Amount of funding requested:** £750

**Wards:** Darley

**Description:**

The group was set up in July 2004 to represent the interests of residents of the Chester Green area. They represent over 1,000 households in the area. They have a number of aims including to preserve the historic features in the area, enhance the amenities and maintain the environment.

The group communicate with their membership using newsletters, public meetings and through their website that includes information on local services, amenities, education and entertainment with local news updates and links to various businesses and organizations who support them.

The group wish to continue connecting the local community by means of a regular newsletter. Currently they print 1000 copies of a 16 page A5 sized newsletter. They believe there is demand for the service and have provided a newsletter over the last year in the Chester Green area. They believe they have made a difference within the Chester Green area with both residents and other local organisations and want to continue the newsletter.

This project is to fund four issues of the newsletter in March, June, September and December 2006. Their best quote is £480 for one issue giving a total cost of about £2,000 for the four issues. This request is for £750 as a contribution towards the printing costs.

The group will raise the remaining £1,250. They have already secured £100 sponsorship and are actively seeking funds from the Community Chest and other local business and organizations. They hope to raise a further £350 through local fund raising events in the community.

The group received £500 for start up costs from Area Panel 5 in February 2005.

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

<b>Area Panel funding criteria</b>	
The application must provide a service in response to the needs of local residents	✓
<b>In addition, the application must meet at least one of the following:</b>	
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	✓
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<b>Area Panel funding priorities</b>	
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 set out in the Council's Corporate Plan	✓



**Applicant 3:** Mackworth Estate Community Association

**Project:** Half-Term Activities and Dance Group

**Total cost of project:** Over £2,000

**Amount of funding requested:** £1,200

**Wards:** Mackworth

**Description:**

Mackworth Estate Community Association – MECA, was set up in 2003 to improve facilities and opportunities for people living on the Mackworth estate. MECA has set up a number of initiatives and groups that have become sustainable on the estate.

MECA are holding its fourth Half term activity week for local young people. The first half term activity week was in February 2005 and it has proved very successful with the number of young people attending going up from 20 to over 200 in October 2005. MECA have worked with a variety of partners including Derby College, Sporting Futures and the Council Sports Development Team to put on these events.

In the February 2006 half term MECA will provide a variety of activities for local young people around the Derby College campus including:

- Football with Sporting futures
- Hockey, table tennis, badminton and basketball with Derby College
- Cricket with Derbyshire Cricket Club

This project is requesting funding of £225 to pay for the hire of Derby College facilities and £375 for the Extreme Sports activity, a total of £600.

To make sure the activities are well attended they are all provided free of charge. Derby College is providing all the tutors and coaches except for the Extreme Wheels activity.

In addition to the half term sporting activities, MECA is establishing the Mackworth Estate Junior Dance Group to provide much needed Dance Classes for local young people from 4 years to 14 years. The members each pay £1 a week and train at Mackworth Community Association centre. This application is to fund a dance tutor from Tiptoe School of Performing Arts for 25 weeks at a cost of £375 and the hire of the hall for 25 weeks at a cost of £225.

Once the group is established they hope to become self funding by paying membership fees and organising shows.

MECA believe that providing these activities anti-social behaviour and minor crimes decrease by up to 60% to 70%.

<b>Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel</b>
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Approve.
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<b>Area Panel funding criteria</b>
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The application must provide a service in response to the needs of local residents
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<b>In addition, the application must meet at least one of the following:</b>
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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	✓

<b>Area Panel funding priorities</b>	
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 set out in the Council's Corporate Plan	✓

**Applicant 4:** Mackworth St. Francis FC

**Project:** Goal Posts

**Total cost of project:** £520

**Amount of funding requested:** £520

**Wards:** Mackworth

**Description:**

Mackworth St. Francis FC was set up in 2005 working with Mackworth Estate Community Association. It has now developed into a successful independent local football team.

The success of the drainage work carried out on Knightsbridge Recreation Ground will allow the club to use the football pitch for training for their members. However to achieve this they need some portable easy to assemble and dismantle goals. They will allow up to four teams to train at the same time and will also enable the club to run small 5-a-side tournaments.

This funding request is to purchase two sets of heavy duty polypropylene goals that can be easily assembled and dismantled.

Area Panel 5 allocated £600 to Mackworth St. Francis FC in April 2005 for their under 8s football team.

Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel	
Approve.	

Area Panel funding criteria	
The application must provide a service in response to the needs of local residents	✓
<b>In addition, the application must meet at least one of the following:</b>	
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 set out in the Council's Corporate Plan	✓

**Applicant 5:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Derby Boys' Brigade Company

**Project:** Sports/Games Equipment

**Total cost of project:** £1991

**Amount of funding requested:** £1991

**Wards:** Mackworth

**Description:**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Derby Boys' Brigade Company was set up in 1957 and is based on Enfield Road. They have 70 junior members and 10 staff helpers.

The members aged from 5 to 18 regularly use the equipment belonging to the Boys' Brigade. The group provides an extensive range of exciting, challenging and enjoyable activities aiding the development of the young people. Much of the existing games and sports equipment is likely to be withdrawn from use soon on health and safety grounds. The group has a number of members with special needs including several with behavioural problems. It is especially important to consider these members when offering an attractive and interesting programme that can help to keep them engaged.

This project will fund new sports and games equipment to ensure all activities offer minimal levels of risk and would be safe.

Equipment required includes:

Volleyball Equipment	£309.99
Portable Football Goals	£100.00
Table Tennis Table	£269.00
Indoor Balls Kit	£29.99
Indoor Games Equipment	£79.99
Pool Table	£380.00
Table Football Table	£497.50
Sports Equipment Storage Trolley and Storage Boxes	£300.00
Volley Ball	£4.50
Table Tennis Bats (x4)	£10.00
5-a-side football	£9.99
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,991</b>

The group will insure the equipment under the contents cover for the Church and any additional premiums will be covered by the Boys' Brigade from its funds. The group will repair, maintain and replace the new equipment that will be specifically designed for group use with low wear and tear to minimise costs.

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

<b>Area Panel funding criteria</b>	
The application must provide a service in response to the needs of local residents	✓
<b>In addition, the application must meet at least one of the following:</b>	
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	✓

<b>Area Panel funding priorities</b>	
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 set out in the Council's Corporate Plan	✓

**Applicant 6:** British Legion - Allestree

**Project:** Installation of Disabled People's ramp

**Total cost of project:** £8,000

**Amount of funding requested:** £5,000

**Wards:** Allestree

**Description:**

The Royal British Legion Allestree Club was established in 1933 and has about 400 members with the vast majority coming from the Area Panel 5 area. Most of the members live in Allestree ward with some coming from Darley ward. It is an open group and they hire out their facilities to other organisations and for parties.

This project is to improve the walking and disabled people's access to the premises. They aim to provide wheelchair and scooter access by installing a ramp. Currently access for people using wheelchairs is up a couple of steps along a ramp used for deliveries that then goes through a bottle shed and into the premises. Working with the Council Access Officer, Mick Watts they have agreed this as a temporary route with signs and a bell.

The original proposal to install a fixed ramp is not possible because of the location of the drains and the need for permanent access to them. The alternative is a more expensive portable ramp up to a large standing area.

The group have engaged an architect and will be applying for planning permission. The first quote estimates the cost at £7,000 with about £1,000 for planning and architect fees.

£7,000	Portable ramp
£1,000	Planning and architect fees
£8,000	Total

The Legion is contributing £3,000 to the project to pay for the planning and architect fees as well as a contribution towards the ramp costs. They previously made an application for funding to the Lottery but were unsuccessful.

<b>Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel</b>
Approve. The Appraisal Panel noted that the application is for more than the £2,000 guideline and that approval should be subject to planning approval.

<b>Area Panel funding criteria</b>	
The application must provide a service in response to the needs of local residents	✓
<b>In addition, the application must meet at least one of the following:</b>	
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	✓

<b>Area Panel funding priorities</b>	
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 set out in the Council's Corporate Plan	✓

APPENDIX 2						
AREA PANEL 5 FUNDING APPROVALS 2005/06						
Area Panel Budget for 2005/6				£22,000		
Budget carried forward from 2004/5				£11,050		
Total budget available for allocation in 2005/6				£31,050		
Total budget allocated in 2005/6				£10,672		
Applicant	Project	Amount requested	Amount approved	Date approval given	Grant paid	Ward
Brackensdale Avenue Neighbourhood Watch Association	Shed alarms for residents of Mackworth Estate	£1,000	£1,750	6 July 2005	£1,750	Mackworth
Darley Abbey Society	Mill View Garden plaques	£153	£153	6 July 2005	£153	Darley
Derby City Council Sport Development Team	Area Panel 5 football tournament	£385	£344	6 July 2005	Work to be done by Council	All wards
Mackworth Friday Club	Activity support	£200	£200	6 July 2005	£200	Mackworth
Allestree Memorial Hall	Provision of disabled people's facilities and updated toilets	£2,000	£2,000	12 October 2005	£2,000	Allestree
Allestree Netball Club	Provision for new equipment and kit	£1,234	£1,234	12 October 2005	£1,234	Allestree
Mackworth Link Association	Mackworth Link Day 2005	£200	£200	12 October 2005	£200	Mackworth
Derby City Mission	Conversion of disabled people's toilet facilities	£3,000	£2,000	7 December 2005	£2,000	Allestree
St Edmunds Preschool Playgroup	Additional day for childcare	£791	£791	7 December 2005	£791	Allestree
St John's Methodist Church	Fenced area, notice board and disabled toilet	£2,200	£2,000	7 December 2005	£2,000	Allestree