



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

AREA PANEL 1
7 JUNE 2006

Report of Director of Derby Community Safety Partnership

Area Panel Budget Proposals 2006/7
SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1.1 Area Panel 1 budget allocation for 2006/7 is £23,292. The panel has an additional budget of £1,083 carried forward from 2005/6, which means that a total budget of £24,375 is available for allocation to projects during this financial year.
- 1.2 The Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel met on 22 May 2006 to appraise 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	Ward	Funding requested	Officer advice
Springwood Leisure Centre	Car Park Lighting	Chaddesden	£250	Approve
Derby City Council WildDerby Summer School	WildDerby Summer Scheme – West Park	Spondon, Chaddesden	£802	Approve
Total funding requested			£1,052	

- 1.3 A short summary of each project is attached to this report in Appendix 2.
- 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 proposals are approved, the implications for the total budget for Area Panel 1 in 2006/7 will be:

Area Panel 1	
Budget for 2006/7	£23,292
Total carried forward from 2005/6	£1,083
Total available for 2006/7	£24,375
Total commitments to date	£0
Funds to be returned due to under spends on projects	£0
Sub total of proposals to consider in June 2006	£1,052
Budget remaining if proposals for June are approved	£23,323
Chaddesden Ward	
Budget for 2006/7	£5,823
Total carried forward from 2005/6	£915
Total commitments to date	£0
Balance available for allocation in 2006/7	£6,738
Sub total of proposals to consider in June 2006	£651
Budget remaining if proposals for June are approved	£6,087
Derwent Ward	
Budget for 2006/7	£5,823
Total carried forward from 2005/6	- £235
Total commitments to date	£0
Balance available for allocation in 2006/7	£5,588
Sub total of proposals to consider in June 2006	£0
Budget remaining if proposals for June are approved	£5,588
*In 2005/6 Derwent allocated £235 to projects in Derwent Ward using the Chaddesden Ward allocation	
Oakwood Ward	
Budget for 2006/7	£5,823
Total carried forward from 2005/6	£0
Total commitments to date	£0

Balance available for allocation in 2006/7	£5,823
Sub total of proposals to consider in June 2006	£0
Budget remaining if proposals for June are approved	£5,823
Spondon Ward	
Budget for 2006/7	£5,823
Total carried forward from 2004/5	£403
Total commitments to date	£0
Balance available for allocation in 2006/7	£6,226
Sub total of proposals to consider in June 2006	£401
Budget remaining if proposals for June are approved	£5,825

PROPOSED ACTION

2.1 To consider and determine the 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 recommendations from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel

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 £25,000, Area Panel 1 must give reasons for its decision.

Legal

- 2.1 Area Panel 1 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.

Applicant 1:	Springwood Leisure Centre
Project:	Car park Lighting
Total cost of project:	£5,000
Amount of funding requested:	£250
Wards:	Chaddesden

Description:

Springwood Leisure Centre applied to Area Panel 1 on 8 March 2006 asking for £2,000 towards the lighting project. A grant of £1,250 was approved, however Chaddesden ward Councillors asked for additional information to be provided before being able to make a decision on a further £250. It was agreed that an application for £250 would be considered at the June 2006 meeting after the information was provided to the Chaddesden Councillors.

The project aims to replace the existing 21 lights in the car park with new lighting and provide four new wall mounted lights to the front of the reception area. This will increase the existing average illumination by over 50%. The entrance area illumination would also be greatly improved which will aid CCTV visibility. Because of the age of the lighting the output from the existing lamps has diminished.

Several customers and clubs from the Oakwood, Spondon and Chaddesden wards who use the centre have commented on the poor lighting in the car park. Over 185,000 visits were made to the centre in the year up to March 2005. 70% of those completing satisfaction surveys in 2006 live within Oakwood, Spondon and Chaddesden wards. 48 clubs use the facilities and nearly 50% come from Oakwood, Spondon and Chaddesden wards.

The project will be match funded by £3,000 from the Education Sport and Leisure Unit. Property Services will be responsible for the ongoing maintenance of the car park lights.

Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel

Approve. However, the Appraisal Panel noted that the lighting is a mainstream responsibility of Property Services.
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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 set out in the Council's Corporate Plan	✓

Applicant 2: Derby City Council

Project: WildDerby Summer Scheme – West Park

Total cost of project: £1,002

Amount of funding requested: £802

Wards: Spondon and Chaddesden

Description:

WildDerby partnership provides fun activity days for children across Derby. The partnership is lead by the Environmental Sustainability team in the Council and includes Derby Parks and local Friends Groups.

Over the past 3 years the Wildspace Project has worked with communities across Derby realising the benefits of Local Nature Reserves - LNR. Part of the work has included the creation of Friends Groups to take action to implement each LNR management plan and to make new connections within local communities. The Wildspace! scheme will cease to operate in July 2006 and we have so far been unable to find other sources of funding to continue the programme. The summer schemes have been well attended in the past two years and to maintain and sustain the events in future we aim to work with Friends Groups.

This project is to run a summer scheme on West Park Meadow LNR in Spondon on 15 August 2006 from 10am to 4pm. At this event we are working with Spondon Community Association as the local Friends Group and British Trust for Conservation Volunteers -BTCV. The summer scheme promotes an opportunity for local communities, especially children, in Spondon and Chaddesden to engage with their natural open space on West Park Meadow in a way that stimulates learning, fun and respect for the local environment.

Planning meetings with Spondon Community Association started in May and the training meetings for their volunteers start on 21 June. Publicity has started with adverts in the 'Schools Out Sports In' magazine and in the Acetate Products Contact magazine to be issued in mid-June.

The children who attend the event will be from Spondon and Chaddesden wards and therefore it is proposed to split the allocation Spondon 50% and Chaddesden 50%. The activities planned include outdoor crafts, wildlife walks and play such as bird box making, mini-beast hunting, story telling, parachute games, face painting and willow weaving.

The scheme will provide a structured programme of events for about 30 children aged 5 to 12. Children will need to book in before the day and can be accompanied by friends or family during the event.

The Council will support the event in the form of resources, publicity which has started, support on the day, taking bookings, creating the itinerary, training volunteers and Public Liability Insurance for Spondon Community Association.

However to complete the project, funding is needed for more publicity leaflets to local schools, chemical toilet hire, paying the two group leaders from BTCV to support the event on 15 August and a contribution to Spondon Community Association for their volunteer time.

£82	Publicity
£200	Donation to Spondon Community Association for their voluntary support at the event and to support their group work on the wildlife site.
£400	Staff cost for two Summer scheme leaders from British Trust for Conservation Volunteers for the delivery of the event on the day.
£120	Toilet hire - Toilet hire from Hire Station, Long Eaton
£802	Total

Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel	
Approve. The Appraisal Panel approved the application subject to the necessary Criminal Records Bureau checks and evidence that Children and Young Peoples Services have been invited to be involved in the event.	

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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	✓