



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

## AREA PANEL 2 16 MARCH 2005

Report of Assistant Director of Community Policy

### Area Panel Budget Proposals 2004/5

#### SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1.1 The Area Panel 2 budget allocation for 2004/5 is £29,000. The Panel can also carry forward £6,441 from 2003/4.
- 1.2 The Panel is asked to consider five applications for funding received from:

Applicant	Project	Ward	Funds requested
Councillor Alan Graves	Benches, along the canal path between London Road and Harvey Road	Alvaston	£1,417
Asians over 60 social and welfare club – Sinfin and Stenson Fields	Healthy living and cultural activities	Sinfin	£4,060
Boulton Lane Park Community Centre	To secure an area adjacent to building	Boulton	£1,300
Scheme manager, Kestrel House, Derby Homes	Bingo machine	Sinfin	£223
St Osmund's Church	Outreach Communication Equipment	Alvaston	£2,000
<b>Total funding requested</b>			<b>£9,000</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 met on 7 February to appraise each application against the new criteria agreed by Council on 21 April 2004. The purpose of the Appraisal Panel is to support the Area Panel to make decisions about whether to approve applications. The Appraisal Panel has made a series of recommendations for each application and they are included below and in Appendix 2. The recommendations are based on the information provided by the applicants measured against the area panel funding criteria.

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Appraisal Panel recommendation</b>
Councillor Alan Graves	Benches	Approve
Asians over 60 social and welfare club – Sinfin and Stenson Fields	Healthy living and cultural activities	Approve, subject to satisfactory accounting for previous grants and evidence of need
Boulton Lane Park Community Centre	To secure an area adjacent to building	Approve
Scheme manager, Kestrel House, Derby Homes	Bingo machine	Approve
St Osmund's Church	Outreach Communication Equipment	Approve

- 1.5 The Council constitution states that Area Panels can 'use a delegated budget for local environmental and community purposes'. For applications that do not specifically refer to a local activity, consideration needs to be given to the appropriateness of allocating area panel funding. In deciding whether to support each application, the Panel will assess each funding request against its priorities.
- 1.6 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.

1.7 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 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.

1.8 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 proposal is approved in total, the implication for the total budget for Area Panel 2 will be:

<b>Area Panel 2</b>	<b>£</b>
Budget for 2004/5	£29,000
Funds carried over from 2003/4	£6,441
Total funds available for allocation 2004/5	£35,441
Total commitments to date	£18,192
Sub total of proposals to consider in March 2005	£9,000
<b>Budget remaining if proposals for March are approved</b>	<b>£9,192</b>

## **PROPOSED ACTION**

2.1 To consider and determine five application for area panel funding.

2.2 To note the area panel spend to date in 2004/5 set out in Appendix 3

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**Background papers:** Minicom 01332 258522  
**List of appendices:** Area Panel Budget allocation criteria, Application forms stored on file.  
Appendix 1 – Summary of implications  
Appendix 2 – Summary of applications and recommendations from the  
Area Panel Grants Appraisal Panel  
Appendix 3 – Funding approvals for 2004/5




<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 £1,000, 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 ilities.
- 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.

## SUMMARY OF APPLICATIONS

**Applicant 1:** Councillor Alan Graves

**Project:** Benches

**Total cost of project:** £1,417

**Amount of funding requested:** £1,417

**Wards:** Alvaston

### Description

The proposal seeks to locate two benches along the former canal path between London Road and Harvey Road. Councillor Graves is promoting this application as he has been approached by a number of constituents who feel that it would be a good idea.

The benches will be vandal proof and concreted into the ground.

Parks Managers have designed the specification and have agreed to be responsible for the ongoing maintenance of the bins.

<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	✓
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	

<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 or priorities set out in the Council's Corporate Plan	✓

<b>Corporate objectives</b> – 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	

**Applicant 2:** Asians over 60 social and welfare club – Sinfin and Stenson Fields

**Project:** Healthy living and cultural activities

**Total cost of project:** £4,060

**Amount of funding requested:** £4,060

**Wards:** Sinfin

### **Description**

The proposal seeks funding to allow the Sinfin and Stenson Fields Asian over 60s social and welfare club to continue their health and cultural activity programme.

The funds sought are comprised as follows:

Entrance to Moorways sauna suite on a weekly basis, together with transport from Sinfin to Moorways and return	£3,000
Cultural activities	£555
Trips	£405

The group meet daily at the Sinfin Moor Social Club, and comprise anything from ten to thirty members. In addition to their health and cultural activities, the group organise trips to Parliament and to the seaside. Although principally male and of asian ethnic origin, the group is open to all.

The group receive funding from Social Services, which effectively pays for the room hire at Sinfin Moor Social Club. They receive funding from South Derbyshire District Council which effectively pays for lunches at the club on Friday and for two trips to the coast.

The Area panel made grants to this group of £2,693 on 5 March 2003 and £2,500 on 10 March 2004. The group have accounted effectively for these funds, having given to me on 21 February receipts for the money spent.

While this funding application is within the criteria, there are serious concerns about the sustainability of this group's activities. These have been expressed to the group in a letter of 24 February. The Area panel is being asked to pay for the total cost of the activity, and there is no evidence that the group have any plans to reduce this dependency. The need to do this was expressed to the group in March 2004 when the Panel made the previous grant. When asked what would happen if the panel made a reduced grant or declined to support the proposal – a question asked of all applicants – the group can only say that the activity would have to reduce or cease.

This application is recommended for approval, but Members may wish to consider either a reduced award or indicating to the group that they need to limit their dependence upon the panel for these activities in future.

<b>Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel</b>
Approve, subject to satisfactory accounting for previous grants and evidence of need



<b>Area Panel funding criteria</b>	
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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	✓

<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 or priorities set out in the Council's Corporate Plan	✓

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

**Applicant 3:** Boulton Lane Park Community Centre

**Project:** To secure an area adjacent to the building

**Total cost of project:** £1,300

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

**Wards:** Boulton

**Description** Boulton Lane is a well used community centre with a wide range of activities in the building. A recent extension has been added and this has left a small corner approximately 10m x 10m outside the building. It is proposed to enclose this with a metal fence, and the enclosed area to become a small secure space for users, in particular the pre school group. The enclosed area would have a gate with a crash exit, to accommodate the fire exit from the building which would emerge into the enclosed area.

The Community Centre Association are to contribute £300 to the total cost of £1,300. This application meets the criteria for area panel funding.

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

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

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

**Applicant 4:** Scheme manager, Kestrel House, Derby Homes

**Project:** Bingo machine

**Total cost of project:** £223

**Amount of funding requested:** £223

**Wards:** Sinfin

**Description** Kestrel House is a Derby Homes sheltered scheme. The application is made on behalf of the residents committee. Bingo is a regular social activity at the scheme, and the committee has determined that the machine is needed to enable all residents to participate. The machine displays the selected number in large font, and ensures that those with a hearing or sight deficiency can be aware of the numbers.

This application meets the criteria for area panel funding

<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	✓
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	✓

<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 or priorities set out in the Council's Corporate Plan	✓

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

<b>Applicant 5:</b>	St Osmunds Church
<b>Project:</b>	Outreach communication equipment
<b>Total cost of project:</b>	£3,786
<b>Amount of funding requested:</b>	£2,000
<b>Wards:</b>	Alvaston

## **Description**

The Parochial Church Council of St Osmund's, Wilmorton is aiming to put the church at the heart of the community. It aims to network with other groups in the area and offer its resources for the benefit of the community.

As the first part of the Outreach Project the group is to install an audio loop system and PA in the Church Hall. The Church Hall is available for booking by individuals and groups. The new PA and Loop system will give greater access for children and adults with hearing difficulties.

The second stage of the project is to increase access and inclusion, by purchasing a laptop computer and projector. It would be available for the use of local groups who book the church hall.

It would also be available for hiring at a reduced rate or loaning to established community groups. The group would ensure that the equipment was covered by insurance if used off site and that if needed, training was given to the person using it.

Lakeside Community Primary School are to use the building for "whole school" assemblies as they do not have a large enough hall at either of the present sites. At the Christmas assembly in church, OHP slides provided by the school were used for the words of the children's songs. The print size, which was suitable for use in a classroom, was too small to be read by the majority of the 350 children present. A laptop and projector would have enabled them to increase the size of the print so that all the children were able to read the words.

The following local groups have said that they would welcome knowing that they can have access to the equipment :

Derby Ramblers  
Derby Cycling Group  
Real Nappy Network  
Derby YMCA  
Derby Theatre in the Round

The Church runs a number of community projects:  
Exercise to Music Class for the mainly over 50's,(a second class is about to start up)  
Children's Club  
Girls' Brigade.

At the moment, 10 volunteers from the church are undertaking a training scheme whose object is to find out what the community needs and to identify ways in which they can help

to meet some of these needs. At present they use OHP slides to present information to others but using powerpoint would enable them to adapt and amend plans as discussions progress without having to waste OHP slides.

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

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

<b>Corporate objectives – the application must meet at least one</b>	
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 2 FUNDING APPROVALS 2004/5						
Area Panel Budget for 2004/5				£29,000		
Budget carried forward from 2003/4				£6,441		
Total budget available for allocation in 2004/5				£35,441		
Sub-total allocated to date				£18,192		
Balance available for allocation				£17,249		
Applicant	Project	Amount requested	Amount approved	Date approval given	Grant paid	Ward
Sinfin Community Council/ Sinfin Carnival	Sinfin carnival funding	£1,000	£1,000	5 May 2004	Yes	Sinfin
Wye Street Neighbourhood Watch	Start up costs	£200	£200	5 May 2004	Yes	Alvaston
172 Derby Cub Scouts, Alvaston	Camping equipment	£1,288	£1,288	5 May 2004	Yes	Alvaston
Merrill Way Allotment Association	Secure storage building	£2,000	£2,000	5 May 2004	Yes	Chellaston
Sankukai Karate	Training mats	£640	£640	5 May 2004	Yes	Boulton
New Sinfin Community Panel	Mobile BMX track hire	£418	£418	7 July 2004	Yes	Sinfin
Booth Street Area Community Neighbourhood Watch	'White' lighting for street lights at junction of Booth, Radford, Benson and Neilson Streets	£900	£900	7 July 2004	Yes	Alvaston
Osmaston Community Association	Garden project	£2,040	£1,200	7 July 2004	Yes	Sinfin
United Alvaston Community Panel	Community Fun Day	£700	£700	7 July 2004	Yes	Alvaston
Sinfin Sharks Football Club	Kit, equipment, training facilities, match fees	£3,500	£500	7 July 2004	Yes	Sinfin

38 <sup>th</sup> Derby Rainbows	Funding for the local Rainbows Group	£396	£396	7 July 2004	Yes	Alvaston
St Martin's Methodist Church	Disabled toilet	£2,000	£2,000	7 July 2004	Yes	Boulton
Sinfin Moor over 60's club	Social and cultural activities	£2,000	£1,000	22 September 2004	Yes	Sinfin
GAD Khalsa Sports Club	Youth development	£2,000	£500	22 September 2004	Yes	Sinfin
91 Derby Scouts	Repairs to roof	£1,995	£2,250	3 November 2004	Yes	Chellaston
Boyulton Lane Park Senior Citizens Club	Room hire and equipment	£1,200	£1,200	12 January 2005	Yes	Boulton
Derby and Sandiacre Canal Society	Public consultation equipment	£1,831	£2,000	12 January 2005	Yes	Boulton, Chellaston, Alvaston
<b>Total</b>			<b>£18,192</b>			