



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

AREA PANEL 4 31 JANUARY 2007

Report of Head of Stronger and Safer Communities Unit

Area Panel 4 Budget Proposals 2006/7

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1.1 Area Panel 4 budget allocation for 2006/7 is £17,472. The panel has an additional budget of £942 carried forward from 2005/6, which means that a total budget of £18,414 is available for allocation to projects during this financial year.
- 1.2 Area Panel 4 is asked to consider whether to support the 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 4 in 2006/07 will be:

	Area			
Budget for 2006/7	£17,472			
Carried forward from 2005/6	£942			
Funds returned due to under spend on projects:	£686			
▪ King George V Pre School Playgroup -£167				
▪ Gayton Swimming Club - £519				
Total Budget available for 2006/07	£19,100			
	Blagreaves	Littleover	Mickleover	
Total commitments to date	£3,552	£436	£2,178	£6,166
Total available to allocate at this meeting	£12,934			

Funding Applications to consider in January 2007					Officer Advice
Central United Reformed Church Tennis Club		£2,000		£2,000	Approve
Local Councillors - Dual Waste bin Haven Baulk Lane Park		£562		£562	Approve

Sub-total of proposals to consider at this meeting	£nil	£2,562	£nil	£2,562
Budget remaining	£10,372			

PROPOSED ACTION

2.1 To consider and determine applications for area panel funding.

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Background papers:	Area Panel Budget allocation criteria, Application forms stored on file.
List of appendices:	Appendix 1 – Summary of implications Appendix 2 – Summary of applications Appendix 3 - Area panel 4 funding approvals 2006/7

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 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 £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 priorities

- 5.1 The provision of grants to community projects can contribute to the delivery of the Council's key priorities.

Appendix 2: Summary of applications and officer advice

Applicant 1:	Central United Reformed Church Tennis Club
Project:	Tennis Court Replacement
Total cost of project:	£90,000
Amount of funding requested:	£2,000
Wards:	Littleover

Officer Advice
Approve – Provides opportunity for sporting and leisure activity of all ages regardless of faith and shows evidence of sustainability for future years.

Description

The Central United Reformed Church Tennis Club has been in operation since 1922. The group works to serve the local community regardless of faith and operates from the Brayfield sports ground off Brayfield Road next to the Derby Congregational cricket ground.

The group has been working to increase its membership over the previous four years. It has done so through organising events such as open days and pay and play sessions. They run a weekly tennis youth club during the summer season and is open to any child for a small fee of £1.50 for a two-hour session. The sessions are run by a qualified coach and provides the opportunity for young people to develop their tennis skills and increase their physical activity and fitness.

As a result of the increasing popularity of the club, they now need to replace the playing surface on the three old grass courts. They plan to install four new courts with porous artificial grass surfacing. In addition, the new courts need to be re-positioned to avoid damaging protected trees near the courts. The new surfacing will enable usage of the courts during the winter months and re-positioning of the courts will now enable disabled access. The works will therefore increase access to facilities for local people.

The breakdown of contributions to the project is as follows:

Amount	Source
£75,000	Central United Reformed Church (confirmed)
£1,000	East Midlands Airport Community Fund (confirmed)
£2,000	Area Panel 4 (Awaiting outcome)
£15,000	Awards for All (Awaiting outcome)

Maintenance costs for the new courts will be covered through membership fees and volunteer time. The group has already started work on financial projections to plan for replacement of the new surfaces in 12 – 15 years time.

Applicant 2: Littleover Councillors

Project: Dual Waste bin on Haven Baulk Lane Park

Total cost of project: £562

Amount of funding requested: £562

Wards: Littleover

Officer Advice
Approve

Description:

This application is to supply and provide on-going revenue costs of a dual waste bin for Haven Baulk Lane park.

At the Area Panel meeting on 29 November 2006, in response to a local resident raising concern on the large amount of dog waste on Haven Baulk Lane park, it was agreed to fund the provision of an additional dog waste bin. The current policy regarding requests for additional waste bins is that they can be provided if funding is allocated for the purchase, installation and five year on-going revenue costs.

The budget for the proposal is as follows:

ITEM	COST
Supply and installation of one dual waste bin	£259
On-going revenue costs	£303
TOTAL	£562

Appendix 3

AREA PANEL 4 FUNDING APPROVALS 2006/07						
Area Panel Budget for 2006/7				£17,472		
Budget carried forward from 2005/6				£942		
Funds returned due to under spend during previous years				£686		
Total budget available for allocation in 2006/7				£19,100		
Total budget allocated in 2006/7				£6,166		
Applicant	Project	Amount requested	Amount approved	Date approval given	Grant paid	Ward
Blagreaves Neighbourhood Care Group	Serving the elderly in the community	£1,500	£970	28 June 2006	£970	Blagreaves
Carlisle Against Crime	Community Facility and Cafe	£1,448	£1,448	27 September 2006	£1,448	Blagreaves
126 Squadron Air Training Corps	Purchase of Land rover	£550	£1,000	27 September 2006	£1,000	Blagreaves, Littleover, Mickleover
Littleover Lane Allotments Association	Security fencing	£800	£800	29 November 2006	£800	Blagreaves
Mickleover Aikido Club	Publicity and equipment	£1,948	£1,948	29 November 2006	£1,948	Littleover - £103 Mickleover - £1,845