



Area Panel Budget Proposals 2005/6

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1.1 Area Panel 1 budget allocation for 2005/6 is £29,000. The panel has an additional budget of £2,891 carried forward from 2004/5, which means that a total budget of £31,891 is available for allocation to projects during this financial year.
- 1.2 The area panel is asked to consider whether to support the following applications:

Applicant	Project	Ward	Funding requested
27 th Derby Chaddesden Scout Group	Replacement of Heating	Chaddesden	£2,500
145 th Breadsall Hilltop Scout Group	Fencing around scout hut	Oakwood, Derwent	£2,288
Chaddesden Age Concern	Replacement of Cooker	Chaddesden	£750
Community Church Derby	Chaddesden Help and Support	Chaddesden	£1,000
Community Sports Development Team	Area Panels Football Tournament	All wards	£344
Derwent Community Panel	Knapsack Sprayer equipment	Derwent	£150
Friends of Chaddesden Park	Balloon Launch, Chaddesden Carnival.	Chaddesden	£325
Springwood Leisure Centre	Provide high quality lighting in Springwood Leisure Centre car park	Oakwood	£1,750
Total funding requested			£9,107

- 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 9 May 2005 to appraise each application against the new criteria agreed by Council on 21 April 2004. 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 Appraisal Panel made a recommendation for each application and they are stated in the table in 1.5. More details about the recommendations are included in Appendix 2. The recommendations are based on the information provided by the applicants measured against the area panel funding criteria.

1.5	Applicant	Project	Appraisal Panel Recommendation
	27 th Derby Chaddesden Scout Group	Replacement of Heating	Approve
	145 th Breadsall Hilltop Scout Group	Fencing around scout hut	Approve
	Chaddesden Age Concern	Replacement of Cooker	Approve
	Community Church Derby	Chaddesden Help and Support	Defer
	Community Sports Development Team	Area Panels Football Tournament	Approve
	Derwent Community Panel	Knapsack Sprayer equipment	Reject
	Friends of Chaddesden Park	Balloon Launch, Chaddesden Carnival	Approve
	Springwood Leisure Centre	Provide high quality lighting in Springwood Leisure Centre car park	Reject

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 1 in 2004/5 will be:

Area Panel 1	£
Budget for 2005/6	£29,000
Total carried forward from 2004/5	£2,891
Total commitments to date	£0
Sub total of proposals to consider in June 2005	£9,107
Budget remaining if proposals for June are approved	£22,784
Chaddesden Ward	
Budget for 2005/6	£7,250
Total carried forward from 2004/5	£2,940
Total commitments to date	£0
Sub total of proposals to consider in June 2005	£4,661
Budget remaining if proposals for June are approved	£5,529
Derwent Ward	
Budget for 2005/6	£7,250
Total carried forward from 2004/5	- £1,596*
Total commitments to date	£0
Sub total of proposals to consider in June 2005	£1,380
Budget remaining if proposals for June are approved	£4,274
*In 2004/5 Derwent allocated £1,596 to projects in Derwent Ward using the Chaddesden Ward allocation	
Oakwood Ward	
Budget for 2005/6	£7,250
Total carried forward from 2004/5	£0
Total commitments to date	£0
Sub total of proposals to consider in June 2005	£2,980
Budget remaining if proposals for June are approved	£4,270
Spondon Ward	
Budget for 2005/6	£7,250
Total carried forward from 2004/5	£1,547
Total commitments to date	£0
Sub total of proposals to consider in June 2005	£86
Budget remaining if proposals for June are approved	£8,711

PROPOSED ACTION

- 2.1 To consider and determine the eight applications for area panel funding.
- 2.2 To consider and determine whether to allocate the 2005/6 budget equally among the four wards.

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List of appendices:

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

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 £1,000, 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 £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:	27 th Derby Chaddesden Scout Group
Project:	Replacement of Heating
Total cost of project:	£5,500
Amount of funding requested:	£2,500
Wards:	Chaddesden

Description:

The Scout Group supports one Beaver colony, two Cub packs, one Scout group. Their premises on Meadow Lane, Chaddesden are also used for private parties, a local hockey club, a dog club and by the city council for exhibitions. The scout group provide opportunities that help remove young people from the streets and eliminate possible vandal problems and educate them within the parameters of the Scout Association, which gives them a sense of purpose and worth.

The project is to remove the existing gas fired hot air system at their Meadow Lane scout hut and replace it with a gas fired Baxi 105E Combination boiler, flue and programmer to supply 9 radiators and a hot water supply to the kitchen. The existing heating system is a gas warm air system that is very old, inefficient and is regularly breaking down. The most competitive estimate for the plumbing work has come from a local plumber. When the associated joinery work is included the whole project will cost about £5,500.

They plan to have the work completed by October 2005.

The scout group receives about £5,000 a year income from member subscriptions, donations from hire of their hall, parking of cars on Derby County match days and other donations. They propose to raise the additional £3,000 to complete the project by fundraising and using their existing resources.

Over 90% of their members live in Chaddesden ward.

Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel

Approve. The application is from a community organisation and meets the funding criteria. However, the Appraisal Panel notes that the request is for £500 more than the area panel funding guideline of £2,000

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	
a stimulating and high quality learning environment	
healthy, safe and independent communities	✓
a lively and energetic cultural life	
a diverse, attractive and healthy environment	
a prosperous, vibrant and successful economy	
a shared commitment to regenerating our communities	✓

Applicant 2: 145th Breadsall Hilltop Scout Group
Project: Fencing around scout hut
Total cost of project: £5,288
Amount of funding requested: £2,288
Wards: Derwent and Oakwood

Description:

The 145th Breadsall Hilltop Scout Group was originally formed in the 1946. The current scout leader reformed the group in 2002. There are now about 100 people using the building each week including the beavers, cubs, scouts, a group of local elderly residents, the 171st Oakwood Scout and Explorers and a Theatre group. Users of the premises come from both Derwent and Oakwood Wards.

This project is to provide a metal security fence around the scout hut. The scout hut has been subjected to vandalism and people using the scout hut have experienced anti social behaviour. The group want to reduce these problems and plan to fence off the scout hut to protect it. The fencing will help prevent the scout hut being a centre of attraction for vandals, as discussed previously at Area Panel 1 meetings. The group is also applying to the Small Change fund for the £3,000 additional costs for the project. A decision will be known by 21 July 2005.

The land is currently used as informal open space and is not held by the council as public open space. It is amenity land serving the neighbourhood. This means that the regulations relating to its use are not as strict if it was classed as public open space. The fence would be on Council land that is not included in their lease. The Planning Officer has initially indicated that a security fence could enclose a small area around the building and if the fence is less than two metres high planning permission is not required. Before a decision can be confirmed the planners need to see a plan indicating the exact location of the fence.

Estates have been consulted about the project and have agreed to incorporate the additional land into the Scout groups lease subject to any necessary planning permission being granted.

The Scout Group has agreed to maintain both the fence and the area within the fencing in the future. This will be done using local volunteers. Estates have agreed to the scout group taking on responsibility for the fencing and maintenance of the area within the boundary.

The fence will reduce the amount of graffiti, which will be a positive benefit to local residents. The use of the area around the scout hut and within the fencing can be extended to the elderly in the area. The young scouts want to improve the look with flowers. All this will look better than a scout hut with graffiti and drainpipes hanging off.

Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel	
Approve. The application is from a community organisation and meets the funding criteria. However, the Appraisal Panel notes that the request is for £228 more than the area panel funding guideline of £2,000.	

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	
a stimulating and high quality learning environment	
healthy, safe and independent communities	✓
a lively and energetic cultural life	
a diverse, attractive and healthy environment	
a prosperous, vibrant and successful economy	
a shared commitment to regenerating our communities	✓

Applicant 3: Chaddesden Age Concern
Project: Replacement of Cooker
Total cost of project: £1,000
Amount of funding requested: £750
Wards: Chaddesden

Description:

Chaddesden Age Concern runs a Day Centre situated on Chaddesden Park adjacent to the Library. It is open at least 5 days a week providing meals for the housebound and elderly 2 days a week. The Golden Age Club, Chaddesden Parksiders and Chaddesden Indoor Bowls club also use the facility. The organisation arranges a luncheon club and the Day Centre is open for the benefit of all Senior Citizens who live in the Parish of Chaddesden.

The organisation has arranged for a new kitchen to be installed in May 2005 and they want to replace the existing large cooker that has been used for over five years. In the past year it has malfunctioned due to problems with the thermostat. Corgi registered plumbers have replaced oven parts without success. The volunteers are having difficulty providing edible meals as only one oven can be relied on.

They originally planned to replace the large cooker with a similar 'two-oven' cooker but after researching the options they found that it would cost over £1,000. They now plan to replace their large cooker with two single oven cookers and build them into the new kitchen

Chaddesden Age Concern Committee will meet the cost of delivery, joinery work, installation of the new cookers and removal of the old cooker and any other incidental costs.

Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel	
Approve. The application is from a community organisation and meets the funding criteria.	

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	
a stimulating and high quality learning environment	

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a prosperous, vibrant and successful economy	
a shared commitment to regenerating our communities	✓

Applicant 4: Community Church Derby
Project: Chaddesden Help and Support
Total cost of project: £1,000
Amount of funding requested: £1,000
Wards: Chaddesden

Description:

The Community Church Derby was established in 1978 and has members from across Derby. Many of the members, and church leaders live in the Chaddesden area. This project is specifically focussed on people living in Chaddesden and has two aims. Firstly, to provide practical help with decorating, gardening and basic DIY for people in the Chaddesden area who for whatever reasons, are unable to do it for themselves. This will support individuals in their own homes and decorating and gardening will enhance the immediate environment of those receiving the help.

Secondly, to provide a litter picking and graffiti removal service that will improve the general environment of Chaddesden. The litter picking and graffiti removal service will take place on an ‘as and when’ basis.

The organisers have recognised the need for these services by talking with local residents. They anticipate there will be 16 – 20 activities taking place throughout the project. They have a pool of around 70 people to provide the volunteer help, depending on the particular activity.

Many of the people involved in volunteering to support the project are from the Chaddesden area. The project will provide an opportunity for them to help fellow citizens.

The project will take place through the period of June 2005 – June 2006. They are viewing this as a pilot project and we will assess the ongoing need in the area. They will not be content with simply finishing a short term project if they discover a need for more help and support. Their plan that their volunteers will remain and that they will explore future funding options during the course of the year. The funding will pay for:

- Paint, decorating tools and equipment
- Gardening tools and equipment
- Gloves, bags, skips for litter picking

Additional information not available to the Appraisal Panel. The project is for any member of the Chaddesden community and not specifically for church members. The decorating and gardening service is not aimed at people living in the Derwent New Deal for Communities area. They do not plan to purchase electrical equipment, but all volunteers will receive the necessary training for the tools they use. The tools and equipment will be maintained and stored by the Community Church at the Riverside Centre. The Community Church has confirmed that they will liaise with the Council Waste Management section about graffiti removal and with Social Services about their Home and Garden Scheme to prevent duplication and coordinate their activities.

Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel	
Defer. The Appraisal Panel considered that additional information about the project was needed before a decision could be taken. This included more details about who would benefit, how people accessed the service, the level of training provided to volunteers, health and safety issues, links with existing service providers.	

Area Panel funding criteria	
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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	✓

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a prosperous, vibrant and successful economy	
a shared commitment to regenerating our communities	✓

Applicant 5: Community Sports Development Team
Project: Area Panels Football Tournament
Total cost of project: £2,995
Amount of funding requested: £344 – made up from £86 from each ward
Wards: Chaddesden, Derwent, Oakwood and Spondon

Description:

The Sports Development team are organising a citywide 5 a side football tournament in September/October 2005 for year 6 students at junior schools. There will be one tournament organised for each of the five area panels and it will be held at one of the local secondary schools. The winners and runners up from each area panel tournament will go forward to a citywide final where they will represent their area panel.

The aim of the event would be to enable youngsters, parents, teachers and local football clubs to learn about their area panel. It would be an opportunity for councillors and staff to meet residents in a friendly, safe and fun environment.

Each tournament will be held at a local secondary school improving links between the secondary and primary schools and local football clubs. It will also give local football clubs the opportunity to establish links with local schools and also to recruit players for their clubs.

Other local service providers such as the police and other council departments would be able to attend the events, bring along information to distribute to residents and have the opportunity to introduce themselves.

The Sports Development team are working on the project with Derby County Football in the Community, local football clubs and the schools. So far two football clubs have agreed to support the events.

The area panels are being asked to contribute to the costs of their own tournaments and 14 T-shirts for their winners and runners up to wear. The Sports Development team has already attracted the necessary funding for the final event.

In total, a contribution of £344 is being requested from each area panel to fund:

- Venue hire £90.00
- Pitch marking £46.00
- Referees £48.00
- 14 medals winners/runners up £42.00
- Certificates for participants £20.00
- 14 T-shirts in Area Panel colours £98.00

Match funding for whole project:

- Derby County Football in the Community £360
- DCC Sports Development £720
- Sports King £200
- **Total** **£1,280**

Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel

Approve. The application meets the area panel funding criteria.

Area Panel funding criteria

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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	✓

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	✓

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Applicant 6: Derwent Community Panel
Project: Knapsack Sprayer equipment
Total cost of project: £757
Amount of funding requested: £150
Wards: Derwent

Description:

The Derwent Community Panel would like to purchase 2 Knapsack Sprayers for Derby Homes caretakers to use in the Derwent area. The Local Housing Office on Beaufort Street regularly receives complaints about weeds growing in the area. This includes in drying areas where, due to the weeds, they are prone to fly tipping. Also, some footpaths are so overgrown with weeds they are virtually unusable. Overgrown areas also tend to have higher risk of crime as vandals often use them to hide in.

Caretakers will need to attend Health and Safety courses prior to using the Knapsacks for which they will obtain a certificate – Derby Homes will fund this training. They will then patrol the area on a regular basis either responding to complaints received or as part of their rota, spraying weeds as or when required.

Derby Homes will provide all the revenue costs of the project including the weedkiller for the knapsacks, staffing costs, maintenance and training costs.

Derwent Community Panel, in partnership with Sussex Circus Community Panel, received £2500 in March 2004 to fund a leaf shredder for use by the Neighbourhood Environmental Action Team - NEAT team in Derwent New Deal area.

Additional Information not available to the Appraisal Panel. The application has been amended to request just two Knapsack Sprayers rather than 10. Derby Homes is considering purchasing knapsack sprayers for all of its caretakers across the city. This application is for the Derwent area alone and aims to kick start the project.

Local Derwent residents have been complaining about the poor condition of their drying areas and Derby Homes have cleaned them by jet washing. The caretakers now need the knapsack sprayers to keep the drying areas weed free. This will improve the facilities and contribute to savings on future clean up campaigns. The NEAT team do not have their own sprayers and no one else provides this service in the area.

Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel	
Reject. While the application meets the criteria, the Appraisal Panel considered that this was an application by Derby Homes to fund equipment to provide a service offered by others and would be used elsewhere in the city.	

Area Panel funding criteria	
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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	✓

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Applicant 7: Friends of Chaddesden Park
Project: Balloon Launch, Chaddesden Carnival.
Total cost of project: £325
Amount of funding requested: £325
Wards: Chaddesden

Description:

The Friends of Chaddesden Park was set up in 2001 to improve Chaddesden Park. The group are supporters of Chaddesden Carnival and wish to purchase 1,000 helium filled balloons, each with a latex seal and name and address labels, which will be launched at the June 11 2005 carnival. This project will be a fund raising initiative and will promote awareness of the group. The balloons will be sold for £1.00 each to participants and the balloon that travels the furthest will win a prize donated by a local business. If all the balloons are sold the Friends of Chaddesden Park will make a profit of £675.11p. This or any other profit will be invested back into Chaddesden Park in future initiatives.

The balloons are environmentally friendly made of rubber and will rot and disintegrate if left lying on the ground. These balloons have been specifically chosen because of this. There are many manufactures of this type of balloon, however the Friends Group have chosen a local business from Derby to purchase the balloons from should the application be successful.

Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel	
Approve. The application meets the area panel funding criteria.	

Area Panel funding criteria	
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Improve access for local people to existing services.	✓
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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	

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	
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a prosperous, vibrant and successful economy	
a shared commitment to regenerating our communities	✓

Applicant 8: Springwood Leisure Centre
Project: Provide high quality lighting in Springwood Leisure Centre car park
Total cost of project: £3,420
Amount of funding requested: £1,750
Wards: Oakwood

Description:

To replace the existing 17 post top lanterns with 5 twin arm and 12 spigot mounted 50 watt lanterns, to a white light scheme in the car park at Springwood Leisure Centre. This would provide better lighting, which would improve accessibility, safety and security by reducing the potential for accidents, and personal attacks to all staff and customers.

The council have not set aside any contingencies to replace the car park lights. The lamps have a rated life for their maximum output before the light output of the lamp diminishes. We are now receiving a reduced output from the existing lanterns. The Council's Property Services division - Maintenance section - do not have the funding to replace the current lights. The current lights do not give a good lighting output as the lighting emissions are very poor.

The centre has had numerous vandalism incidents to the building, bikes being stolen outside the building, graffiti to the building, youths riding around car park at high speeds and lockers being broken into.

There are a number of sports clubs who currently use the facility including football Clubs, martial arts clubs, trampoline clubs and gymnastics clubs. Some have commented on the poor lighting including the Spondon Indoor Bowls club. There are also a number of over 60's and young people, women and young girls and BME groups who use the centre. 80% of Springwood Leisure Centre's customers who completed a customer survey in 2003 and 2004 live in Area Panel 1. In 2004 43% of customers felt it was extremely important to have the feeling of a safe environment.

Parents also park in the car park when they drop off and collect their children from Parkview Primary school. People also park in the car park when using Oakwood Park for sport, recreational and physical activity. The improved lighting will enable the police to identify offenders and the customer will also feel safer in using the facility. The Centre Manager is currently working with the Youth Offending Service, Anti-Social Behaviour Unit and Sporting Futures to tackle some of the current Anti-Social problems. Derby Community Safety Partnership has confirmed that the lighting and CCTV cameras need updating as well as improvements to fencing. The Leisure centre have already taken action to repair some of the vandalised fencing.

The project will be match funded by £1,670 from Derby City Council –Education Sport and Leisure Unit and Derby City Council, Property Services will be responsible for the ongoing maintenance of the car park lights.

Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel

Reject. While the application meets the area panel funding criteria, the Appraisal Panel considered that the responsibility to fund the lights in the Council car park is a mainstream responsibility.

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	
a stimulating and high quality learning environment	
healthy, safe and independent communities	✓
a lively and energetic cultural life	
a diverse, attractive and healthy environment	✓
a prosperous, vibrant and successful economy	
a shared commitment to regenerating our communities	