



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
Derwent Councillors	Fencing at Ringwood Close	Derwent	£2,224
Spondon Community Association	Chapel Street Project Spondon 2006	Spondon	£2,584
Spondon Councillors	Welcome to Spondon signs	Spondon	£1,500
Spondon Youth Initiative	Youth Club equipment	Spondon	£1,500
Oakwood Community Association	Car Park improvements	Oakwood	£3,575
Springwood Leisure Centre	Car Park Lighting	Oakwood, Spondon and Chaddesden	£2,000
Total			£13,383

- 1.3 A short summary of the project is attached to this report in Appendix 2.
- 1.4 The Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel met on 16 February 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.

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Applicant	Project	Appraisal Panel Recommendation
Derwent Councillors	Fencing at Ringwood Close	Approve
Spondon Community Association	Chapel Street Project Spondon 2006	Approve
Spondon Councillors	Welcome to Spondon signs	Approve
Spondon Youth Initiative	Youth Club equipment	Approve
Oakwood Community Association	Car Park improvements	Approve

Springwood Leisure Centre	Car Park Lighting	Approve
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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 2005/6 will be:

Area Panel 1	£
Budget for 2005/6	£29,000
Total carried forward from 2004/5	£2,891
Total commitments to date	£22,134
Funds to be returned due to under spends on projects	£2,692
Sub total of proposals to consider in March 2006	£13,383
Budget remaining if proposals for March are approved	- £934
Chaddesden Ward	
Budget for 2005/6	£7,250
Total carried forward from 2004/5	£2,940

Total commitments to date	£9,477
Funds to be returned due to under spend on projects	
- football tournament – June 2005	£36
- lighting on Chapel Lane – October 2004	£166
Sub total of proposals to consider in March 2006	£250
Budget remaining if proposals for March are approved	£665
Derwent Ward	
Budget for 2005/6	£7,250
Total carried forward from 2004/5	- £1,596*
Total commitments to date	£5,227
Funds to be returned due to under spend on projects	
- football tournament – June 2005	£37
- Cowsley Road Vision Consultation – October 2004	£1,400
- Croft Wood Stile – March 2005	£125
Sub total of proposals to consider in March 2006	£2,224
Budget remaining	- £235
*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	£4,104
Funds to be returned due to under spend on projects	£37
- football tournament – June 2005	
- Croft Wood stile – March 2005	£125
Sub total of proposals to consider in March 2006	£5,075
Budget remaining	- £1,767
Spondon Ward	
Budget for 2005/6	£7,250
Total carried forward from 2004/5	£1,547
Total commitments to date	£3,326
Funds to be returned due to under spend on projects	
- football tournament – June 2005	£36
- Spondon Community Association – January 2005	£730
Sub total of proposals to consider in March 2006	£5,834
Budget remaining	£403

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 3 – Area Panel 1 funding approvals 2005/06

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 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:	Derwent Councillors
Project:	Fencing at Ringwood Close
Total cost of project:	£3,224
Amount of funding requested:	£2,224
Wards:	Derwent

Description:

Derwent ward Councillors have submitted an application for funding following requests from local residents. The funding is to contribute to the costs for the erection of fencing up to Ringwood Close at the rear of the Social Services office on Perth Street. The request for funding follows complaints and reports of damage to the Social Services property, there have also been incidences of harassment and intimidation of elderly occupants of the Ringwood Close sheltered housing complex.

The fencing will prevent people from congregating and causing anti social behaviour and prevent through access at the rear of the offices from Perth Street to St Andrews View.

The fencing will be 2 metres high and is triple point palisade fencing with a powder coat finish incorporating a set of double gates. The gates will enable access for maintenance.

Social Services will install the fencing and make a contribution of £1,000 to the cost of the project and will also maintain the fencing in future.

Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel

Approve. However, the Appraisal Panel noted that the request is for more than the £2,000 guideline and that the fencing is a mainstream responsibility of Adult Social Services.

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: Spondon Community Association
Project: Chapel Street Project Spondon 2006
Total cost of project: £4,934
Amount of funding requested: £2,584
Wards: Spondon

Description:

Spondon Community Association – SCA has been active in the local community since 1977. This project is to support the refurbishment of the Old Cemetery and for planting and maintaining 16 hanging baskets around the Spondon area in 2006. SCA has previously received area panel funding of £5,049 in 2002, £2,000 in 2003 and £1,750 in 2005.

The Old Cemetery is located on the main shopping street in Spondon and is used frequently by local residents. The project will contribute to the improvements of the gardens in the Old Cemetery and the erection of a community information board as well as contribute to the costs of plants and shrubs for the ornamental gardens within the cemetery.

SCA has worked in partnership with pupils from Derby College at Broomfield who have designed a planting scheme in the form of a sensory garden as part of the project. SCA has raised match funding to cover the cost of the installation of a new sculpture and has approached the owners of the shopping precinct for sponsorship to cover costs of re-landscaping the grassed areas.

In 2005, Spondon Community Association won first place in the urban community category of Britain in Bloom. The award was a great boost for residents and the area as a whole. Funding is also being sought to plant and maintain 16 hanging baskets to build on the success of last year's competition win. The cost includes planting 16 baskets, putting up and taking them down from lampposts and watering and maintenance over a five-month period.

SCA are requesting £2,584 as follows:

Information board	£934
Plants	£450
Hanging baskets – planting, putting up, taking down and watering	£1,200
Total	£2,584

SCA has attracted £2,230 in match funding for the following parts of the project. SCA intends to maintain the projects through raising funds elsewhere, sponsorship and volunteer time.

Sculpture	£1,293
Plants	£407
Hanging baskets	£400
Information panel – design and artwork	£250
Total	£2,350

Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel

Approve. However, the Appraisal Panel noted that the request is for more than the £2,000 guideline and that the annual maintenance of the hanging baskets has been funded by the area panel before.

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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 set out in the Council's Corporate Plan	✓

Applicant 3: Spondon Councillors
Project: Welcome to Spondon Signs
Total cost of project: £1,500
Amount of funding requested: £1,500
Wards: Spondon

Description:

The Spondon Councillors are seeking funding to erect new signs on three routes into Spondon. A request was made for these signs at a previous area panel meeting. In 2005, Spondon successfully achieved first place in the urban community category of Britain in Bloom. This proposal is to fund three signs to be erected to recognise the achievement of local residents and Spondon Community Association being awarded Britain in Bloom winners. The signs would state ‘Welcome to Spondon – Winners of Britain in Bloom 2005’

It is planned that three signs will be erected on:

- Dale Road
- Locko Road
- Nottingham Road at the Borrowwash end

The signs will ensure that both residents and visitors are aware of the award and will help to maintain an increased sense of pride in the local area.

Each sign will cost £500 to produce and install. Highways will maintain the signs following their installation.

Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel	
Approve. However, the Appraisal Panel noted that the long term recognition of the Britain in Bloom award could be commemorated in a more sustainable way by use of plaques or as part of other projects.	

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 4: Spondon Youth Initiative
Project: Youth Club equipment
Total cost of project: £1,500
Amount of funding requested: £1,500
Wards: Spondon

Description:

Spondon Youth Initiative is seeking £1,500 to contribute to essential equipment required for the local youth club. The organisation has been in operating since 2003 and provides quality curriculum and recreational activities for young people in the Spondon area.

At present, the youth club has 80 young people registered to the club and 40 regular club attendees. The services and facilities available for young people are often requested both at area panels and by the community to provide activities for young people and to help decrease anti social behaviour problems in the ward.

The funding will enable the youth club to purchase new and improved equipment to attract more young people to participate.

The range of activities undertaken at the youth club includes personal, social, health and education sessions that include healthy eating and cooking classes. Young people are encouraged to take part in cultural and sporting activities. The project is supported by Derby City Youth Services and they actively support the group. The funding will provide cooking equipment, TV/DVD, arts and crafts equipment and sports equipment.

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	✓
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 5: Oakwood Community Association
Project: Car Park Improvements
Total cost of project: £3,575
Amount of funding requested: £3,575
Wards: Oakwood

Description:

Oakwood Community Association was set up in 1992. The number of people using the centre continues to grow. This application is to improve their car park surface following on-going difficulties arising from disrepair and the drainage of water and silt from the car park area. It will cost over £20,000 to resurface the car park with tarmac and install the necessary drainage. Derby Parks is responsible for the maintenance of the car park but do not have the budget to resurface it with tarmac. The Association have been working with Derby Parks to identify a short term solution.

This project would address the problem of water and debris getting into the building by employing a sustainable drainage system and by grading and infilling potholes. The drains would not be connected to the community center drains but would run to the adjacent wildflower area. The water would then run into a small depression in the ground and then dissipate naturally. There would be an overflow into the playing field drainage system to ensure that only a small amount of water would be retained should water levels build up. Any silt being carried through the system would be dropped as it passed through the wildflower area. In addition, any gullies installed on the car park would be fitted with mud gullies to catch the silt and there would be a silt trap installed in the corner of the car park.

Derby Parks would complete the work for £3,575 and would take responsibility for future maintenance of the new drains.

Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel	
Approve. However, the Appraisal Panel noted that the request is for more than £2,000 guideline and that the drainage work is a mainstream responsibility of Derby Parks.	

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 6: Springwood Leisure Centre
Project: Car park Lighting
Total cost of project: £5,000
Amount of funding requested: £2,000
Wards: Oakwood, Spondon and Chaddesden

Description:

Springwood Leisure Centre applied to Area Panel 1 for funding in June 2005 for the same project but Area Panel 1 did not consider the application because it was understood the funding had been made available from other Council budgets. However, the funding was not available and an updated application has been submitted to improve the lighting on the car park.

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.

The project will provide better lighting, to improve accessibility, safety and security by reducing the potential for personal attacks to all staff and customers. The lights will also be more energy efficient. The centre has had numerous vandalism incidents to the building, bikes being stolen outside the building, graffiti to the building and people riding around the car park at high speeds. Several customers have commented on the poor lighting in the car park and Spondon Indoor Bowls Club has also raised the issue of poor lighting.

There are a number of sports clubs who currently use the facility including football clubs, martial arts clubs, trampoline clubs and gymnastics clubs. 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. In light of this concentration of users from these three wards it is proposed to share the allocation of funding from all three wards. Oakwood - £1,500, Chaddesden - £250 and Spondon - £250

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.	

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	✓

AREA PANEL 1 FUNDING APPROVALS 2005/6						
Area Panel Budget for 2005/6						
						£29,000
Budget carried forward from 2004/5						£ 2,891
Total budget available for allocation in 2005/6						£31,891
Total budget allocated in 2005/06						£22,134
Applicant	Project	Amount requested	Amount approved	Date approval given	Grant paid	Ward
Derwent Community Panel	Knapsack sprayer equipment	£757.53	£150	8 June 2005	Work to be done by Derby Homes	Derwent
Community Church Derby	Chaddesden help and support	£1,000	£1,000	8 June 2005	£1,000	Chaddesden
27 th Derby (Chaddesden) Scout Group	Replacement of heating	£2,500	£2,500	8 June 2005	£2,500	Chaddesden
Chaddesden Age Concern Committee	Replacement of two oven cookers	£750	£750	8 June 2005	£750	Chaddesden
Friends of Chaddesden Park	Balloon Race	£326.49	£325	8 June 2005	£325	Chaddesden
Derby City Council Sport Development Team	Football tournament	£344	£344	8 June 2005	£198. There was an under spend of £146	All wards
145 th Breadsall Hilltop Scout Group	Fencing around scout hut	£1,495	£1,495	7 September 2005	£1,495	Derwent
Chaddesden Park Allotment Association	Security fencing	£4,000	£3,200 £800	7 September 2005 11 January 2006	£3,200 £800	Chaddesden
Nottingham Road and District Allotment Association	Meeting and rest room	£1,332	£1,332	7 September 2005	£1,332	Chaddesden / Derwent

Youth Service and Connexions	Equipment for Oakwood Youth Club	£1,048	£1,048	7 September 2005	Work to be done by the Council	Oakwood
Windyridge Women's Institution	Room hire	£300	£300	2 November 2005	£300	Chaddesden / Derwent
Chaddesden Wood Local Nature Reserve	Marker posts and signage	£1,770	£1,770	2 November 2005	£1,770	Oakwood
Tuesday Senior Citizens Club	Day trips for senior citizens	£200	£200	2 November 2005	£200	Derwent
66 th Derby (1 st Spondon) Scout Group	Scout HQ kitchen renovation	£3,000	£3,000	2 November 2005	£3,000	Spondon
Derwent into Gardening	Plants on wheels – exhibition trailer	£2,000	£2,000	2 November 2005	£2,000	Derwent
Derby City Council, Commercial Services	Dual Waste bins	£1,920	£1,920	11 January 2006	Work to be done by the Council	Oakwood, Spondon, Derwent