

**AREA PANEL 3**

19 September 2007

Report of the Head of Stronger and Safer Communities Unit#

Area Panel Budget Proposals 2007/8**SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 1.1 The Area Panel 3 budget allocation for 2007/8 is **£17,469**. The Panel also has an additional budget of **£1,491** carried forward from 2006/7, which means that a total budget of **£18,960** is available for allocation to projects during this financial year.
- 1.2 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.
- 1.3 The funding criteria state that applicants 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.
- 1.4 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 area panel area
 - shows 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.
- 1.5 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.

1.6 The current budget for Area Panel 3 in 2007/08 is:					
	Abbey	Arboretum	Normanton	Area Panel 3	
Budget for 2007/8	£5,823	£5,823	£5,823	£17,469	
Budget carried forward from 2006/7	£0	£81	£1,410	£1,491	
Funds returned due to under/over spend on projects	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
Total Budget for 2007/08	£5,823	£5,904	£7,233	£18,960	
Total commitments to date	£2,380	£2,135	£2,385	£6,900	
Total available to allocate at this meeting	£3,443	£3,769	£4,848	£12,060	
Funding applications					Officer Advice
Sudanese Association of Derby		£1,000	£1,000	£2,000	Partially Approve
Open Doors Forum		£2,946		£2,946	Partially Approve
Breast Feeding Support Group	£600	£700	£700	£2,000	Partially Approve
Association of Ukrainians in Great Britain	£500	£1,000	£1,000	£2,500	Approve
Voice of Congolese Women	£513	£513	£513	£1,539	Approve
126 (City of Derby) Squadron, Air Training Corps	£100	£100	£100	£300	Partially Approve
Sub-total of proposals to consider in September 2007	£1,713	£6,259	£3,313	£11,285	
Budget remaining if proposals for September 2007 are approved	£1,730	-£2,490	£1,535	£1,235	

PROPOSED ACTION

2.1 To note the current financial position.

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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 submitted Appendix 3 – Summary of applications funded

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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 3 must give reasons for its decision.

Legal

- 2.1 Area Panel 3 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 priorities

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

Applicant: 1	Sudanese Community Association
Project:	Textile Workshop
Total cost of project:	£2,500
Amount of funding requested	£2,000
Wards:	Arboretum and Normanton

Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel
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<p>PARTIALLY APPROVE The project needs further development but has the potential to deliver useful activity to support the community in Derby. The payment of grant should be dependent on the group providing evidence of appropriate liability insurances for the project.</p>

The organisation is seeking funding to support a project that will develop the skills of its members in clothing design and manufacture

A textile workshop will be organised to teach members of the community association in the design and manufacture of Sudanese clothes using computers. The project will also enable members to learn more about the traditions around the design of clothing.

The project has arisen following consultation with the members of the Community Association. Many expressed an interest in learning a new skill especially one that celebrates their cultural heritage and can be shared with other communities.

The budget for the project is outlined below. Area panel funding is being sought to cover the costs for the whole project. The organisation will contribute in kind to the project costs through volunteer time and expenses.

Activity/Item	Cost
Sewing machines	£1,000
Computers and printing for design	£700
Fabric and accessories	£300
Total	£2,000

Applicant: 2	Open Doors Forum
Project:	Facilities improvement
Total cost of project:	£7,122
Amount of funding requested	£2,946
Wards:	Arboretum and Normanton

Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel

PARTIALLY APPROVE The project provides a range of services for an active minority community in Derby. The funding will enable improvements to the facility. However, the group should look for alternative sources of funding which will enable further improvements to the building and enable the increase and improvement of service provision.

The project is seeking funding to assist with development costs for the organisation. The group has been operating since May 2003 and manages a number of projects in and around the Normanton area. These are:

- Summer Play Scheme for children ages 7 plus
- Abolition of slavery conference/seminars and workshops
- Youth projects – music projects/filming and editing projects (previously funded through the lottery funding)
- Elderly persons project starting in September – a health and fitness project for prevention of illnesses and accidents for the over 50's to get them engaged in healthy lifestyles and their local community.

The project is based in modest office premises in Arboretum ward and offers basic facilities and resources to people in the area, mainly from the African/Afro Caribbean community.

The organisation is seeking funding to adapt the office premises and to purchase music and audio equipment to enable young people to develop their recording and sound mixing skills. Software will also be purchased to assist with financial management of the organisation. The remainder of the funding from Area Panels will enable adaptations to the rest of the facility.

The work is being proposed following requests from the young people.

The project aims to increase the skills of young people and to enable young people to become involved in positive activity.

The remainder of the funding for the project is secured through the small grant scheme and volunteer costs. However, further clarification is required on sources of match funding.

Applicant: Breast Feeding Mum's Group
Project: Breast Feeding Support Group
Total cost of project: £2,000
Amount of funding requested £2,000
Wards: Arboretum and Normanton

Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel

PARTIALLY APPROVE The project needs to seek more sustainable forms of funding. The project has secured funding from Area Panel previously and there are concerns regarding the sustainability of the project.

The organisation is seeking funding to support training its volunteers and has been established since 2002. Funding will cover the cost of training sessions for the group's peers and volunteers. The group works to encourage and promote the positive benefits of breast-feeding to mothers and to offer the opportunity for women to meet with their peers, receive support and information and reduce isolation. Approximately 60-70 women benefit from the project with numbers expecting to rise. The group is open to all and particularly supports women in the first few weeks of motherhood.

The group meets on Tuesday's at Pear Tree Clinic from 10.30 am – 1.30 pm and on Thursday's at St Peter's Church from 10.30 – 12.00. At the sessions women receive support from fully trained peer counsellors, presentations, and advice sessions are regularly organised as part of the sessions covering areas such as healthy eating, diet and exercise and general advice and information. Following a survey of women users, the women stated they value the opportunity to meet other mums; the chance for some respite from caring responsibilities; support with breast-feeding and general parenting.

The group purely operates on the input of volunteer time and support. The Primary Care Trust provides some support through a paid secretary for the group and they receive support in-kind through free use of meeting venues. However, the group requires funding to cover the cost of training for its peer support workers and counsellors, these volunteers support the weekly sessions.

Applicant: Association of Ukrainians in GB (Derby)
Project: Health and Safety Improvements
Total cost of project: £28,000
Amount of funding requested £4,000
Wards: Arboretum and Normanton

Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel

APPROVE The organisation is seeking a contribution to the costs of improvements to the building. A substantial amount of the costs is being covered by the group's own funds and that of its national office. The building is based in the Arboretum ward but clearly serves a citywide population and other communities across the city. The funds will cover the cost of fire safety improvements.

The organisation is seeking funds to cover the costs of essential health and safety improvements to their community centre.

The group has been operating since 1948 and they are based in their own community centre on Charnwood Street in Arboretum ward. The centre is known as the Ukrainian Cultural Centre and is run by the Derby branch of the Association of Ukrainians in GB.

The improvements to the building were identified following inspections undertaken by the Fire Service and local Environmental Health Officer. The works have been identified as urgent and essential to ensure the building meets all health and safety requirements.

Proposed work includes the following:

- New fire doors
- Replacement windows
- Improvements to the kitchen which include new floor/steel sink units
- Improvements to the cellar which includes floor, walls and ceiling work
- Re-pointing the whole building

The centre is used by local people. This is mainly in the form of hiring the hall and kitchen for functions and events. For example, the centre is popular for weddings, birthdays, anniversary celebrations etc. The centre's users are from a variety of ethnic and radical backgrounds and as such, the centre serves the whole community.

The organisation states that the improvements to the centre will enable increased access to the centre for users who have physical impairment or disability and thus attract more users to the centre. The budget for the project is as follows:

Activity/Item	Cost
18 Replacement Windows	£12,000
3 External Fore Doors and Frames	
Fascia Boards, Guttering and Drain Pipes	£5,000
Exterior painting	£1,500
Kitchen Flooring	£1,500
2 sink units, hand basin, fridge and freezer in the kitchen	£1,500
Cellar ceiling, walls and floor H & S improvements	£1,500
Re-pointing all brickwork	£5,000
Total	£28,000

Applicant: 126 (City of Derby) Squadron, Air Training Corps

Project: Catering and Climbing

The group was established: 1938. Received a grant from Derby City Council before? Yes

When: June – October 2006

Details: Area panel 2 - £1,000

Area Panel 3 - £150

Area Panel 4 - £1,000

Area Panel 5 - £210

Total cost of project: £4,600

Amount of funding requested: £150

Officer Advice

PARTIALLY APPROVE – The project is based in Alvaston ward, however it does serve a citywide function. A proportion of their users live in the Area Panel 3 area and the group provides a resource/community based project. The group has limited options in terms of funding support.

Description

The organisation is located on part of the old RAF Alvaston base. The group operates through the support of 19 volunteers who come from the RAF Volunteer Reserve, all of who live in the Derby area. The project is seeking assistance to purchase additional and replacement equipment for their catering facilities and similarly to upgrade their climbing equipment.

The catering group provide much needed support during weekend training activities on site at Alvaston, during adventure weekends away and on extended camps. They also cater for social functions on site, for example, the Valentine's dinner, a formal 'Dining in' night for staff, guests, and Open Day events.

The current equipment is over ten years old and the mobile ovens are becoming dangerous. The group is also short of benches and tables, and catering and cooking equipment. In addition, the climbing equipment is at the end of its recommended safety life of five years. The following equipment needs to be replaced: Rope, Harnesses and helmets and Ancillary equipment.

The above equipment is used on a regular basis both on expeditions and on site with their own climbing wall.

The organisation provides a service for 100 cadets, with the potential to increase to 150 cadets. The Squadron provides training for the young people that will be useful in civilian life and they also have the opportunity to pursue the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme. By providing a range of activities, the Squadron enables the young people to have a sense of worth and value.

Applicant: Voice of Congolese Women
Project: Cultural Event
Total cost of project: £2,419
Amount of funding requested £1,539
Wards: Arboretum and Normanton

Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel

PARTIALLY APPROVE The organisation is seeking a contribution to the costs of a cultural event. The project is new and there are concerns regarding their sustainability.

The organisation is seeking funds to cover the costs of a cultural event. The event will mark the launch of a new community organisation called Voice of Congolese Women. The event will be an opportunity to launch and publicise the aims and objectives of the new group. The event will provide Congolese food, dance and music and a presentation of cultural costumes. It will be the first opportunity to promote the group and encourage new membership.

The group works to reduce isolation in the community and they plan to organise regular monthly meetings of the women in the group. They have been operating in some form since October 2006 and have grown from strength to strength.

The group will be able to offer a service to a community that is often marginalised and support community cohesion and integration for the community. The cultural event will take place at the West Indian Community Centre and the group plan to use the funding to cover music, food, volunteers, expenses and venue costs.

AREA PANEL 3 FUNDING APPROVALS 2007/8						
Area Panel Budget for 2007/8			£18,960			
Budget carried forward from 2006/7			£ 1,491			
Total budget available for allocation in 2007/8			£18,960			
Total budget allocated in 2007/08			£6,900			
Available to allocate		£12,060				
Applicant	Project	Amount requested	Amount approved	Date approval given	Grant paid	Ward
Guru Nanak Istri Sabha	Celebration Events and cultural diversity	£3,000	£1,500	20 September 2007	Completed	Abbey £500 Arboretum £500 Normanton £500
Trocadero Resident Action Committee	Community Arts for consultation and engagement	£1,439	£1,000	20 September 2007		Abbey £250 Arboretum £500 Normanton £250
Association of Indian Women	Elderly Women's Luncheon Club	£2,000	£1,500	20 September 2007		Abbey £500 Arboretum £500 Normanton £500
Surtal Asian Arts	South Asian Arts Festival	£3,435	£1,200	20 September 2007		Abbey £400 Arboretum £400 Normanton £400
Littleover Centurions Cricket Club	Cricket coaching for young people	£900	£700	20 September 2007		Abbey £230 Arboretum £235 Normanton £235
Jobs, Education and Training, Normanton	Partnership and celebration event	£2,000	£1,500	20 September 2007		Abbey £500 Arboretum £500 Normanton £500