



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

**AREA PANEL 2
12 JANUARY 2004**

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 two applications for funding received from:

Applicant	Project	Ward	Funds requested
Boulton Lane Park Senior Citizens Club	Room hire and equipment	Boulton	£1,200
Derby and Sandiacre Canal Society	Public consultation equipment	Boulton, Chellaston, Alvaston	£1,831
Total funding requested			£3,031

- 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 December 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.

Applicant	Project	Appraisal Panel recommendation
Boulton Lane Park Senior Citizens Club	Room hire and equipment	Approve
Derby and Sandiacre Canal Society	Public consultation equipment	Approve – subject to reassurance about local usage and secure storage

- 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:

Area Panel 2	£
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	£14,992
Sub total of proposals to consider in January 2005	£3,031
Budget remaining if proposals for January are approved	£17,418

PROPOSED ACTION

- 2.1 To consider and determine two 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




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, 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:	Boulton Lane Park Senior Citizens Club
Project:	Room hire and equipment
Total cost of project:	£1,200
Amount of funding requested:	£1,200
Wards:	Boulton

Description

The Senior Citizens Club operates a weekly afternoon club for elderly people in the Boulton area. Around 40 members attend regularly. The group meets at Boulton Lane Community Centre and has done so for over 20 years. It is self funding, on the basis of members subscriptions and occasional fund raising. It is now seeking assistance to develop a luncheon club and to establish its funding on a more sustainable basis. The application seeks to fund:

- Assistance with rent. The Community Centre has been forced to increase its charges and the group recognise a need to take this element of its costs away from its members. The grant sought, of £475, will pay the total cost of room hire for a full year.
- Room setting out charges. A young person is paid a sum of £5 per week to set the room out – no other facility being available to the club to do this
- One off cost of £350 to replace worn out crockery, and to pay for the purchase of kitchen equipment, which would permit the development of a luncheon club. The club has established that such a luncheon event would be popular and that its members could obtain transport to the lunch
- Table games - £85 and CD/radio - £50. These items would assist the club to provide more for its members. Fixed items would be stores at the community centre.

An application has been made to Social Services for £200 to assist with some of these items. This application is pending.

The members of the club are all from the Boulton area.

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

Corporate objectives – 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: Derby and Sandiacre Canal Society

Project: Public consultation equipment

Total cost of project: £3831

Amount of funding requested: £1,831

Wards: Boulton, Chellaston and Alvaston

Description

The Canal society are ready to plan and design the restoration of the Derby Canal from Chellaston to the River Derwent (Wilmorton). As the restoration grows, they have an urgent need to update, replace or provide essential equipment to be able to go to the public interest groups and people who work along the canal to listen to their needs, tell them what they are doing and include everyone in the restoration.

The Society has replaced its display boards (£950) and bought a projector (£890). It has bought a slide scanner (£160) to preserve valuable archive of photographs and to use the electronic versions on displays and at presentations. They now need: a laptop computer, laser printer, scanner, and software, toner and paper for 1 year.

They are currently using a borrowed computer. All printing, so far, has been done on a member's own home equipment. Now that the restoration is gaining momentum they need to be able to produce many more photos, printed material, information sheets, teaching

materials etc. Using home equipment recently cost £96 to produce 24 large colour photographs for 2 display boards in Chellaston. Most donations are given for actual restoration work and the society has to respect the wishes of the donors. This equipment would reduce printing costs by 50%. The computer will allow them to give Power Point presentations to schools, business, community and interest groups in Area 2 on demand.

The application seeks the following items:

Dell Epson Perfection 1670 Scanner	£63.70
Dell 3000CN Colour Laser Printer	£304.33
Dell Inspiron 510 Laptop computer, with software and mouse	£965.19
Dell laptop protective carrying case	£29.38
Dell Toner cartridges x 4 colours	£204.87
Delivery charge	£12.92
Laser print paper	£250.00
Total:	£1,830.39

An application to area panel 1 from the same organisation is being considered tonight, for interpretation panels in Spondon.

Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel	
Approve	

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	✓

Corporate objectives – 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	

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						
						£14,992
Balance available for allocation						
						£20,449
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 th 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
Total			£14,992			