



Area Panel Budget Proposals 2004/5

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1.1 Area Panel 1 budget allocation for 2004/5 is £29,000. The panel also has an additional budget of £1,418 carried forward from 2003/4. An underspend of £695 on CCTV cameras at Chaddesden Library has also been carried forward from 2003/4 which means that a total budget of £31,113 is available for allocation to projects during this financial year. There is £12,012 still available to allocate. A list of projects funded so far in 2004/5 is attached to this report in Appendix 3.
- 1.2 The area panel is asked to consider whether to support two applications for funding received from:

| Applicant | Project | Ward | Funding requested |
|--------------------------------|---|---------------------|-------------------|
| Oakwood Community Association | Oakwood Community Centre Vandalism Protection Works | Oakwood | £5,000 |
| Mark Woodward | Croft Wood Signs and Stile | Derwent and Oakwood | £3,226 |
| Total funding requested | | | £8,226 |

- 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 February 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.

| Applicant | Project | Appraisal Panel Recommendation |
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| Oakwood Community Association | Oakwood Community Centre Vandalism Protection Works | Approve |
| Mark Woodward | Croft Wood Signs and Stile | Part approve, part defer |

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 | £ |
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| Budget for 2004/5 | £29,000 |
| Total carried forward from 2003/4 | £2,113 |
| Total commitments to date | £19,101 |
| Sub total of proposals to consider in March 2005 | £8,226 |
| Budget remaining if proposals for March are approved | £3,786 |
| Chaddesden Ward | |
| Budget for 2004/5 | £7,250 |
| Total carried forward from 2003/4 | £1,521 |
| Total commitments to date | £5,831 |
| Sub total of proposals to consider in March 2005 | £0 |
| Budget remaining if proposals for March are approved | £2,940 |
| Derwent Ward | |
| Budget for 2004/5 | £7,250 |
| Total carried forward from 2003/4 | £0 |
| Total commitments to date | £6,120 |
| Sub total of proposals to consider in March 2005 | £1,613 |
| Budget remaining if proposals for March are approved | £483 overspent |
| Oakwood Ward | |
| Budget for 2004/5 | £7,250 |
| Total carried forward from 2003/4 | £0 |
| Total commitments to date | £850 |
| Sub total of proposals to consider in March 2005 | £6,613 |
| Budget remaining if proposals for March are approved | £213 overspent |
| Spondon Ward | |
| Budget for 2004/5 | £7,250 |
| Total carried forward from 2003/4 | £592 |
| Total commitments to date | £6,300 |
| Sub total of proposals to consider in March 2005 | £0 |
| Budget remaining if proposals for March are approved | £1,542 |

PROPOSED ACTION

- 2.1 To consider and determine the two applications 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: 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 – Funding approvals for 2004/5

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: Oakwood Community Association

Project: Oakwood Community Centre Vandalism Protection Works

Total cost of project: £26,000

Amount of funding requested: £5,000

Wards: Oakwood

Description:

The project aims to replace Oakwood Community centre windows with more secure frames and protected glass and to upgrade lighting. This is as a result of the windows being continually smashed and the current frames being of poor condition and unsuitable for the Lexion protection system. The majority of the cost of the work will be met from the Councils Repair and Maintenance budget with about £3,000 coming from Oakwood Community Association.

The Area Panel funding will provide:

- Lexion Security covers to the new windows to protect against vandalism
- An upgrade to the emergency and external lighting to improve security and safety of users
- 50% of the cost of employing security staff to safeguard the Community Centre during the window replacement works.

Planning approval has not yet been granted but it is proposed to complete the work as soon as possible and before August 2005 at the latest. The improved centre will provide a better venue for local groups, a base for community participation and for area panel meetings to be held.

A new Committee and trustees are being appointed and the Community Centre will be re-launched following these improvement works.

Derby City Council will be responsible for future maintenance.

The Community Association are working with Local Ward Councillors and Council officers to make sure these improvements take place. The project is being coordinated by the Council Property Review Officer.

Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel

Approve.

Area Panel funding criteria

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| 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

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| 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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| 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: Mark Woodward

Project: Croft Wood Signs and Stile

Total cost of project: £3,226

Amount of funding requested: £3,226

Wards: Oakwood and Derwent

Description:

Local residents have drawn attention to the anti-social behaviour problems in Croft Wood at area panel meetings through most of last year. The use of motorised vehicles in Croft Wood reached crisis levels for the residents and as a result the Anti Social Behaviour Team, Police, Councillors, residents and landowners have been involved together to tackle the problem. Since the successful Operation Throttle run by the Police to dissuade motorbike enthusiasts from using the area, many more local residents are using the area for walking. Since the operation, many residents have returned to the area for walking, running and generally enjoying the open space. People had been concerned for their safety when the bikes were using the land.

This project has two aims. Firstly, to provide two signs on approaches to Croft Wood to make clear that the land is not to be used by motorised vehicles. Secondly, to provide a stile that allows access to the public footpath but prevents access by motorised vehicles.

Derby Parks will provide the two signs on Council owned land at a cost of £226 including installation. One will be sited near the Paddock Pub by the footpath entrance to the old railway line that runs through Croft Wood. The other will be sited near to the proposed stile at the end of the public footpath that runs between Mansfield Road opposite Bishops Drive, and Croft Lane in Breadsall village.

The type of stile requested will allow pedestrian and disabled/pushchair access but will deny motorised vehicles. The two types of stiles available are the traditional kissing gate, improved to allow disabled access, or the modern version of the step through stile, which is wider at the bottom to allow wheel-chairs and prams but narrow at the top to prevent handle-bars. This is also known as a K barrier.

Development and Cultural Services are investigating the most suitable stile to use and initial indications are it would cost about £3,500. The investigation is not yet complete and there are different types of stile that could be installed. This is a public footpath that runs from Mansfield Road, opposite Bishops Drive to Croft Lane in Breadsall village.

New information made available after the Appraisal Panel meeting. Development and Cultural Services have completed their investigation of the site. They have confirmed that a K barrier could be installed for £3,000. This is significantly cheaper than installing the traditional kissing gate. They are currently installing a K barrier at Woodminton Drive, Chellaston and would welcome the opportunity to test this new type of barrier by Mansfield Road as well. Mick Watts, the Council Access Officer, supports the use of the K barrier.

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| Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel | |
| Approve the signs. Defer the stile because the Appraisal Panel considered that there was insufficient financial information available and that the result of the investigation by Development and Cultural Services was needed to allow an informed decision to be made. | |

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| Improve access for local people to existing services. | ✓ |

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| 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 | |
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| 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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| Job opportunities | |
| Strong and positive neighbourhoods | ✓ |
| Education | |
| Protecting and supporting people | |
| A healthy environment | ✓ |
| Shops, commercial and leisure activities | |
| Integrated, cost effective services | |

Appendix 3

| AREA PANEL 1 FUNDING APPROVALS 2004/5 | | | | | | |
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| Area Panel Budget for 2004/5 | | | | | £29,000 | |
| Budget carried forward from 2003/4 | | | | | £2,113 - £1,418 not allocated and £695 under spent | |
| Total budget available for allocation in 2004/5 | | | | | £31,113 | |
| Total budget allocated in 2004/05 as at 12 January 2005 | | | | | £19,101 | |
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| Applicant | Project | Amount requested | Amount approved | Date approval given | Grant paid | Ward |
| 145th Breadsall Hilltop Scout Group | Provide new chairs and tables | £700 | £700 | 28 April 2004 | Yes | Derwent, Oakwood |
| Derwent Luncheon Club | Transport costs | £1,000 | £500 £500 | 1 September 2004 and 27 October 2004 | Yes Yes | Derwent |
| Beaufort Community Primary School | Beaufort School Breakfast Club | £1,788 | £1,588 | 27 October 2004 | Yes paid £770 in total | Derwent |
| Derbyshire Constabulary | Security Improvements around Croft Wood | £1,000 | £1,000 | 27 October 2004 | Yes | Derwent and Oakwood |
| Derwent Community Team | Cowsley Road Visions Consultation | £3,500 | £3,500 | 27 October 2004 | Yes | Derwent |
| Council Youth Service with Spondon Guides and Brownies and Connexions | Purchase of tables and chairs | £2,000 | £2,000 | 27 October 2004 | Work done by Council | Spondon |
| Derby City Council | Lighting on Chapel Lane, Chaddesden | £1,450 | £1,450 | 27 October 2004 | Work done by Council | Chaddesden |
| Chaddesden Park Allotment Association | Security fencing for Allotment site | £3,506 | £3,506 | 12 January 2005 | Yes | Chaddesden |
| Nottingham Road and District Allotments Association Limited | Potting shed for Meadow Farm School allotments | £875 | £875 | 12 January 2005 | Yes | Chaddesden |
| Derby and Sandiacre Canal Society | Canal interpretation panels in Spondon | £1,800 | £1,800 | 12 January 2005 | Yes | Spondon |
| Spondon Community Association | Spondon in Bloom 2005 | £2,500 | £2,500 | 12 January 2005 | Yes | Spondon |
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