



Area Panel 5 Budget Proposals 2006/7

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1.1 Area Panel 5 budget allocation for 2006/7 is £17,472. The Panel has an additional budget of £380 carried forward from 2005/6, which means that a total budget of £17,852 is available for allocation to projects during this financial year.
- 1.2 The area panel is asked to consider whether to support applications received. A short summary of each project is attached to this report in Appendix 2.
- 1.3 A summary of applications funded in the current financial year are in Appendix 3
- 1.4 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.
- 1.5 The funding criteria states 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.
- 1.6 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.
- 1.7 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.
- 1.8 **Please note that in order to correct an omission of a funded project, i.e. Wild Derby Project from previous totals, the totals available for allocation and the total commitments to date have been amended and therefore do not tally with the amounts shown at the last meeting in January.**

1.8 If the funding applications are approved, the implications for the total budget for Area Panel 5 in 2006/07 will be:

	Allestree	Darley	Mackworth	Area Panel 5	
Budget for 2006/7	£5,824	£5,824	£5,824	£17,472	
Carried forward from 2005/6	£126	£128	£126	£380	
Funds returned due to underspend/overspend on projects in 2005/06 minus money owing to Mackworth ward	-£115	-£3,614	£3,729	£0	
Total Budget for 2006/07	£5,835	£2,338	£9,679	£17,852	
Total commitments to date	£4279	£1140	8865	£14284	
Total available to allocate at this meeting	£1556	£1198	£814	£3568	
					Advice
Midland Canoe Club	£500	£1000	£500	£2000	Approve
Sub-total of proposals to consider at this meeting	£500	£1000	£500	£2000	
Budget remaining if proposals are approved	£1056	£198	£314	£1568	

PROPOSED ACTION

2.1 To consider and determine 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 officer recommendations Appendix 3 – Summary of Applications funded 2006/07

Appendix 1: Summary of implications

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 5 must give reasons for its decision.

Legal

- 2.1 Area Panel 5 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 Corporate Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services and Deputy Chief Executive 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 and officer advice

Applicant: Midland Canoe Club
Project: Midland Canoe Club, in partnership with Derby CC – Community Sports Coach (Darley Abbey) & Darley Barn projects

The group was established: 1951. They have not received a grant from Derby City Council before.

Total cost of project: £62,500

Amount of funding requested: £ 2,000

Wards: Allestree = £500, Darley = £1 000, Mackworth = £500

Officer Advice
Approve The recommended allocation by ward is based on an estimate of relative benefit across the area.

Description

The Midland Canoe Club (MCC) has recently agreed to help match a successful Community Sports Coach scheme (CSC). The lead organisation is Derby City Council Youth Service. The CSC is a Sports England initiative designed to increase the number of coaches based in the community. Its primary aim is increasing participation and opportunity. MCC intend to utilise this 'coaching' time for the initial training and development of young people from the local community. MCC anticipate this will provide an additional and more focused source of new members, contributing to the lives of those young people. The £60,000 CSC project is part of the larger Darley Barn project.

Approximately 20% of MCC members are from the immediate area, which with 'families' is around 50-60 persons. However, the project will increase this proportion in conjunction with the Darley Barn project.

Evidence of need: The club is seeking to 'reposition' itself as a family club and has seen an upsurge in members – peaking recently at more than 125 – following events in Darley Park, 'come-and-try-it' sessions, regular Wednesday evening meets in Queen Street pool, and consultation with the Youth Service around links between the Darley Barn project and the club. MCC will provide a route for continued participation of young local people who attend taster sessions at the Barn. Links with the school sports partnership will develop school -club links and expand provision for outdoor activities for young people in the area. MCC have also embarked upon a number of other major improvement projects, for which other sources of funding are being sought.

The project will:

Improve the quality of life in Derby's neighbourhoods by: being the only real 'centre' in Derby for canoeing and kayaking. This partnership project between will provide clear pathways for local youngsters wishing to pursue canoeing & kayaking.

Encourage lifelong learning and achievement by: encouraging social responsibility amongst its younger members, providing new learning experiences and opportunities, and raising physical activity levels through the provision of positive activities; this will help further prevent crime and anti-social behaviour.

Build healthy and independent communities by: recognising that canoeing and kayaking are (mainly) open-air, health-giving activities, and are therefore fully in line with the

Government's current drive for healthier lifestyles and increased physical activity within young people.

Deliver excellent services, performance and value for money by: accepting that, whilst membership subscriptions are relatively low, canoeing and coaching standards within the club remain high, and the CSC will augment this by visiting schools within Area Panel 5, arranging 'taster' sessions at the club, and contacting scouts, cubs and other voluntary groups who work with young people. The CSC is also likely to be part of the extended schools agenda, possibly setting up an after-school club for local primaries. As part of the monitoring we will measure the increased number of young people participating from Area Panel 5.

Improve access for local people to existing services by: the new Community Sports Coach making continuous, professional canoe/kayak coaching available, on a weekly basis, without having to rely entirely on the club's 'volunteer' coaches. This will be of substantial benefit to local young people at weekends, throughout the year, and more so during holiday times, and this is particularly relevant to the Barn and young people experiencing canoeing for the first time. This person (CSC) will help break down the barriers facing people joining a club for the first time, making their access easier knowing there is a familiar person to welcome them.

Contribute to environmental improvements which will provide a benefit to local residents by: continuously improving the facilities at its Darley Abbey site – see www.midlandcanoeclub.com – with a number of other projects under planning and implementation. MCC regularly make their facilities available to other users, e.g. members of the 'Nutwood' (LNR) group and Derby Triathlon Club have used the facilities a number of times.

Sustainability of the project: MCC are committed to the project and will be using £1,000 from their own funds over 2 years, as well as undertaking to raise a further £2,000 for year 2 of the project. MCC would wish to continue its involvement in the CSC Project beyond this initial two-year period.

Equal opportunities are considered by: MCC being totally non-discriminatory and open to all-comers. The club are also currently investigating improvements to facilities for disabled persons. MCC is also in the process of gaining 'Clubmark' accreditation, which will show it has achieved a set level of operation which focuses on inclusion, equity, child protection, and Health and Safety.

Funding requested from the Area Panel for:

Cost	Activity or item
£2,000	As a contribution towards the £2,500 required from MCC for the new Community Sports Coach (CSC)

List of activities funded by others:

Amount	Source
£ 1,000	MCC club funds £500 p.a.
£ 2,000	MCC fundraising (year 2)
£57,500	Derby City Council, Community Investment Fund and income.

Project Timetable:

Initially, 2007 – 2009. MCC would begin to utilise the services of the CSC upon his/her initial appointment, in the first instance for the succeeding two years, but hopefully beyond.

Appendix 3

AREA PANEL 5 FUNDING APPROVALS 2006/07	
Area Panel Budget for 2006/7	£17,469
Budget carried forward from 2005/6	£380
Total budget available for allocation in 2006/7	£17,852
Funds returned due to underspend during previous years	129
Total budget allocated in 2006/7	£14284

Applicant	Project	Amount requested	Amount approved	Date approval given	Grant paid	Ward
73rd Derby (Allestree) Scout Group	Stacking chairs	£1,939	£1,939	12 July 2006	£1,939	Allestree
Brackensdale Ave Neighbourhood Watch	Signs and alarms	£1,500	£1,500	12 July 2006	£1,500	Mackworth
DCC Regen & Community	Wild Derby Summer Scheme	£1509	£1109	12 July 2006	£1109	Allestree (£370), Darley (£370), Mackworth (£369)
Highways Maintenance	Replace existing handrail on Well Street	£700	£700	4 October 2006	£700	Darley
126 (City of Derby) Squadron ATC	Purchase of Landrover	£200	£210	4 October 2006	£210	Allestree (£70), Darley (£70), Mackworth (£70)
Allestree Netball club	Equipment for the club	£1,900	£1,900	6 December 2006	£1,900	Allestree
Mackworth Live at Home	Contribution to project activity	£374	£374	6 December 2006	£374	Mackworth
Mackworth Estate Community Association	Community notice board	£987	£987	6 December 2006	£987	Mackworth
Mackworth Community Sports Action Group	½ Term Sporting Activities	£2358	£2358	31 January 2007	£2358	Mackworth

Applicant	Project	Amount requested	Amount approved	Date approval given	Grant paid	Ward
Derby Wheelchair Basketball Club	Wheelchair Basketball	£1500	£1725	31 January 2007	£1725	Mackworth
Mackworth Estate Evergreen	Boiler and Crockery	£280	£280	31 January 2007	£280	Mackworth
Mackworth Community Association	Dishwasher	£600	£600	31 January 2007	£600	Mackworth
Mackworth St Francis Football Club	Football Academy	£602	£602	31 January 2007	£602	Mackworth