# **ITEM 11**



AREA PANEL 3 17 JANUARY 2007

Report of the Head of Stronger and Safer Communities Unit

## Area Panel Budget Proposals 2006/7

### SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1.1 The Area Panel 3 budget allocation for 2006/7 is £17,472. The Panel also has an additional budget of £3,116 carried forward from 2005/6, which means that a total budget of £20,588 is available for allocation to projects during this financial year.
- 1.2 A summary of applications funded for the current financial year is provided in Appendix 2.
- 1.3 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.
- 1.4 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.
- 1.5 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.
- 1.6 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.

	Abbey	Arboretum	Normanton	Area Panel 3	Officer Advice
Budget for 2006/7	£5,824	£5,824	£5,824	£17,472	
Budget carried forward from 2005/6	£544	£705.50	£1,866.50	£3,116	
Funds returned due to under/over spend on projects in 2005/06	-£943	£471.50	£471.50	Nil	
Total Budget for 2006/07	£5,425	£7,001	£8,162	£20,588	
Total commitments to date	£5,425	£5,920	£7,070	£18,415	
Total available to allocate at this meeting		£1,081	£1,092	£2,173	
Funding applications					
None received					
Sub-total of proposals to consider in January 2007	nil	nil	nil	Nil	
Budget remaining if proposals for January are approved	£0	£1,081	£1,092	£2,173	

## 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: [D1]	Appendix 1 – Summary of implications
	Appendix 2 – Summary of applications funded

#### 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.

Budget carried forward from 2005/6 Total budget available for allocation in 2006/7				£17,472 £ 3,116 £20,588 £18,415									
								Available to allocate	£2,173				
								Applicant	Project	Amount requested	Amount approved	Date approval given	Grant paid
Asian Advisory Service	Central heating boiler	£993	£ 600	21 June 2006	Awaiting confirmation of expenditure	Normanton and Arboretum							
Bramblebrook Community Centre	Refurbishment of venue	£3,000	£1,000	21 June 2006	Awaiting confirmation of conditions met	Abbey							
Brigades at Pear Tree	Contribution to Camping Holiday	£1,500	£750	21 June 2006	£750	All wards							
CAST Trust	Contribution to Stockbrook Fun Day	£2,000	£1,000	21 June 2006	£1,000	Abbey							
Derbyshire Friend	Promotional materials	£690	£690	21 June 2006	£690	All wards							
Derby West Indian Community Association	Contribution to Carnival	£1,500	£1,500	21 June 2006	£1,500	All wards							
Guru Nanak Istri Sabha	Health and activities for elderly Asian women	£1,800	£1,800	21 June 2006	£1,800	All wards							
Pear Tree Play scheme	Contribution to Summer Play scheme	£2,000	£2,000	21 June 2006	£2,000	All wards							
Shaheed Bhagat Singh Welfare Centre	Asian Carers and Disabled respite care project	£2,000	£2,000	21 June 2006	£2,000	All wards							
St Thomas' Road Methodist Church	Saturday tea and activity for older people	£1,600	£1,400	21 June 2006	£1,400	Normanton and Arboretum							

Applicant	Project	Amount requested	Amount approved	Date approval given	Grant paid	Ward
Breast Feeding Support Group	Payment for a crèche worker to support the group	£2,000	£1,000	20 September 2006	£1,000	Normanton
Dale Community Champions	Contribution towards rent and equipment costs	£2,000	£2,000	20 September 2006	£2,000	Normanton
(City of Derby) Air Training Corps	Contribution to the purchase of a land rover	£350	£150	20 September 2006	£150	All wards
No.1 Community Centre	New kitchen	£2,000	£2,000	15 November 2006	£2,000	Arboretum
Stockbrook Colts	Facility hire and training kit	£525	£525	15 November 2006	£525	Stockbrook