



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, and a further **£1,318** from 2004/05 which means that a total budget of **£21,906** 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 meetingsApplications 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.

1.7 The current budget for Area Panel 3 in 2006/07 is:					
	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	
Funds returned due to project not starting – Normanton Allotments Society – replacement steps			£1,318		
Total Budget for 2006/07	£5,425	£7,001	£9,480	£20,588	
Total commitments to date	£5,425	£5,920	£7,070	£18,415	
Total available to allocate at this meeting	nil	£1,081	£2,410	£3,491	
Funding applications					
Derby African Association		£1,000	£1,000	£2,000	Approve
Sapna (Dream)		£1,000	£1,000	£2,000	Approve
Savera Project		£650	£650	£1,300	Approve
Sub-total of proposals to consider in March 2007	nil	£2,650	£2,650	£5,300	
Budget remaining if proposals for March are approved	£0	-£1,569	-£240	-£1,809	

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 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.

Applicant 1:	Derby African Association
Project:	Facilities improvement
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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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.

Description:

This project is seeking funding for the installation of a new heating system for their premises. The project offers a range of facilities and services to the local community from their building based on Dairy House Road in Arboretum ward.

The organisation offers a weekly luncheon club for the elderly and vulnerable adults. The group also operates a Women's group, a sewing club and there is an active arts and crafts club.

To promote healthy lifestyles the group also organises a fitness club, which encourages healthy eating and increasing physical activity and exercise. The group has also established an activity programme for children and young people which includes an after school club and arts and crafts activities which includes animation, sculpting and general arts and crafts. The children's activities complement parenting supporting activities organised by the group.

The premises are owned by the Council and leased to the group who are responsible for the maintenance of the building. A new heating system is required as the current system does not work and the group have to cover the additional costs of alternative heating which is having a severe impact on the organisation's finances.

Applicant 2: **Sapna (DREAM) Social Enterprise Ltd.**

Project: Children's Disability Support Services

Total cost of project: £8,600

Amount of funding requested: £2,000

Wards: Arboretum and Normanton

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Description:

This project is seeking funding to run support and information sessions for parents and carers of children with disabilities. The project will also support a feasibility study around the development of a facility for children with disabilities and additional needs. The organisation is a social enterprise established last year by a locally based business. The organisation has been established to provide support and a sustainable project for local people. Following extensive research, it was found that additional services are required for children with disabilities. In particular, it was found that children from black and minority ethnic communities do not access services and facilities and receive little if not any support.

The project is investigating the possibility of establishing a multi sensory day care centre for children with disabilities. The centre will provide short-term day care and an opportunity for respite support for parents and carers. As part of the development of the project the organisation is seeking funding for a feasibility study. The feasibility study will be centred around undertaking consultation with parents and carers of children with disabilities/ vulnerable children and young adults.

The project will also provide additional support to parents and carers through fortnightly advice and sign posting sessions. The sessions will provide a sign posting service and information support and also be able to gather views and experiences of parents to enable the planning of service provision.

Applicant 3:	Savera
Project:	Savera Women's Group
Total cost of project:	£11,300
Amount of funding requested:	£1,300
Wards:	Arboretum and Normanton

Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel
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APPROVE

The project has secured the majority of funding for the project. They are planning to work with other groups in the area.

Description:

The project is seeking funding to support an Asian Women's project operating across Area Panel three.

The group was established in 2005 to provide support and assistance to elderly women. The group works to encourage the active involvement of elderly Asian women in activity in their local community. The group also organises a weekly luncheon club for women and this funding will enable the group to operate for an additional day in the week.

The group has been operating for some time from the Indian Community Centre, rent-free. However, they now have to pay rent and are therefore looking for support with rent costs. The group meet on a weekly basis and use the sessions as an opportunity to share experiences and influences services for local people.

The project has secured funding of £10,000 from Awards for All and is seeking the remainder of the funding from Area Panel 3.

AREA PANEL 3 FUNDING APPROVALS 2006/7						
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Budget carried forward from 2005/6				£ 3,116		
Budget carried forward from 2004/5				£1,318		
Total budget available for allocation in 2006/7				£21,906		
Total budget allocated in 2006/07				£18,415		
Available to allocate		£3,491				
Applicant	Project	Amount requested	Amount approved	Date approval given	Grant paid	Ward
Asian Advisory Service	Central heating boiler	£993	£ 600	21 June 2006	£600	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

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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	Abbey