



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

## AREA PANEL 3 20 September 2006

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 The area panel is asked to consider whether to support the following applications:

Applicant	Project	Ward	Funding requested	Appraisal Panel Recommendation
Breast feeding support group	Child Care Costs	Normanton	£2,000	Approve
Dale Community Champions	Dale Community Champions	Normanton	£2,000	Approve
126 (City of Derby) Squadron, Air Training Corps	Purchase of a Land Rover	All wards	£350	Reject
JET (Jobs, Education and Training)	Promoting Community Harmony	All wards	£2,000	Reject
<b>Total Funding requested</b>			<b>£6,350</b>	

- 1.3 A short summary of each project is attached to this report in Appendix 2.
- 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 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.

1.6 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
- 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.

1.7 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 **In light of the amount of funding available in each ward, allocations for projects covering all wards have not been split equally across the wards.** If these proposals are approved, the implications for the total budget for Area Panel 3 in 2006/7 will be:

<b>Area Panel 3</b>	<b>£</b>
Budget for 2006/7	£17,472
Budget carried forward from 2005/6	£3,116
Total budget available for 2006/07	£20,588
Total expenditure to date	£12,740
<b>Total available to allocate at this meeting</b>	<b>£7,848</b>
Sub-total of proposals to consider in September 2006	£6,350
<b>Budget remaining if proposals for September are approved</b>	<b>£1,498</b>
<b>Abbey ward</b>	
Budget for 2006/7	£5,824
Budget carried forward from 2005/6	£544
Funds to be returned due to underspend on projects in 2005/06	£943
Total available for 2006/07	£5,425
Total expenditure to date	£4,850
<b>Total available to allocate at this meeting</b>	<b>£575</b>
Sub-total of proposals to consider in September 2006	£575
<b>Budget remaining if proposals for September are approved</b>	<b>Nil</b>
<b>Arboretum ward</b>	
Budget for 2006/7	£5,824
Budget carried forward from 2005/6	£705.50
Funds returned from Arboretum ward due to underspend on projects in 2005/06	£471.50
Total Budget for 2006/07	£7,001
Total expenditure to date	£3,870
<b>Total available to allocate at this meeting</b>	<b>£3,131</b>
Sub-total of proposals to consider in September 2006	£1,633
<b>Budget remaining if proposals for September are approved</b>	<b>£1,498</b>

<b>Normanton ward</b>	
Budget for 2006/7	£5,824
Budget carried forward from 2005/6	£1,866.50
Funds to be returned from Abbey ward due to over spend on projects in 2005/06	£471.50
Total Budget for 2006/07	£8,162
Total expenditure to date	£4,020
<b>Total available to allocate at this meeting</b>	<b>£4,142</b>
Sub-total of proposals to consider in September 2006	£4,142
<b>Budget remaining if proposals for September are approved</b>	<b>Nil</b>

## PROPOSED ACTION

2.1 To consider and determine applications for area panel funding.

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**Background papers:**  
**List of appendices:**

Area Panel Budget allocation criteria, Application form stored on file. Appendix 1 – Summary of implications  
Appendix 2 – Summary of applications and recommendations from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel

## **Appendix 1**

<b>IMPLICATIONS</b>
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### **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 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.

<b>Applicant 1:</b>	<b>Breast Feeding Support Group</b>
<b>Project:</b>	Childcare costs
<b>Total cost of project:</b>	£5,000
<b>Amount of funding requested:</b>	£2,000
<b>Wards:</b>	Normanton

**Description:**

The organisation is seeking funding to support a breast-feeding support group that has been established since 2002. Funding will cover the cost of a qualified childminder to support the sessions. The group works to encourage and promote the positive benefits of breast-feeding to mothers and to also offer the opportunity for women to meet with their peers, receive support and information and reduce isolation. Approximately 60-70 women benefit from the project with numbers expecting to rise. The group is open to all and particularly supports women in the first few weeks of motherhood.

The group meets on Tuesdays at Pear Tree clinic from 10.30 am – 1.30 p.m. and on Thursdays at St Peter's Church from 10.30 – 12.00. At the sessions women receive support from fully trained peer counsellors and presentations and advice sessions are regularly organised as part of the sessions covering areas such as healthy eating, diet and exercise and general advice and information. Following a survey of women users, the women stated they value the opportunity to meet other mums; the chance for some respite from caring responsibilities; support with breast feeding and general parenting.

The group purely operates on the input of volunteer time and support. The Primary Care Trust provides some support through a paid secretary for the group and they receive support in-kind through free use of meeting venues. However, the group requires funding to cover the cost of a crèche worker to support the weekly sessions. This will enable volunteers of the project who are trained peer support workers to dedicate the whole time during the session to supporting women attending and offer some respite to the mothers attending the sessions.

The childcare support will enable more women to become involved in the group and enable the development of the group, as more women will be able to participate. The group intends to seek funding from other sources to cover future costs.

Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel
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**APPROVE**

<p>The group operates on very little income and provides a much needed and valued service to local residents. Area Panel 3 has one of the highest rates of low birth weight babies and the highest rates of infant mortality, therefore, the group provides a much needed service to all mothers in the area. It is recommended that the group seek funding from the Small Change programme.</p>
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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 set out in the Council's Corporate Plan	✓

**Applicant 2:** Dale Community Champions

**Project:** Dale Community Champions

**Total cost of project:** £7,000

**Amount of funding requested:** £2,000

**Wards:** Normanton

**Description:**

The project is to provide financial support to enable the development of the Dale Community Champions.

The group was formally constituted in November 2005 but had been operating for a couple of years. Serving a population of 700 households in the Dale area of Normanton the group of champions aim to empower and work with local residents to increase community safety and make improvements to the local area.

The group currently works closely with the police and Derby Community Safety Partnership in particular the community safety officer from the Normanton Neighbourhood team. They are currently in receipt of funding from the Community Safety Partnership of £3,000 for capital improvements and equipment for the area. The group are seeking funding to enable them to strengthen the group and to cover administration and communication costs.

The funding will enable the group to establish office-based premises in the area, which will act as a central hub for local people to obtain advice and information. It will also enable the group to produce a regular quarterly newsletter to be delivered to the 700 households in the area. The group is hoping to further develop and enable partnership working with a range of organisations and are looking to establish youth music and drama projects in the local area. They are in the process of drafting an action plan for the group and will continue to gain support from the Neighbourhood Team to enable their further development. Having already undertaken work to raise funds for the group through fundraisers and sponsorship, there is evidence the group will continue to develop.

The budget for the activity is as follows:

<b>Item/Expenditure</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Communication – newsletter and publicity	£1,000
Computer and printer	£750
Stationary	£400
Photocopying	£350
Office space and accommodation	£1,200
Mobile CCTV and capital equipment	£3,000
Telephone costs	£300
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£7,000</b>

Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel	
<p><b>APPROVE</b> – Subject to an application to small change</p> <p>The group have already made a major impact in the local area and are working to encourage a cleaner, safer stronger community, which fits with the Council's corporate priorities, those of the Community Strategy and neighbourhood working. Further funding is required and it is therefore suggested that they seek resources from the Small Change programme and continue to develop links with other Community Champion's groups to provide mutual support.</p>	

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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	
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 set out in the Council's Corporate Plan	✓



**Applicant 3:** 126 Squadron, Air Training Corps

**Project:** Purchase of a Land Rover

**Total cost of project:** £25,000

**Amount of funding requested:** £350

**Wards:** All wards

**Description:**

The organisation is seeking a contribution to the purchase of a Land Rover for the Air Training Corps based on part of the old RAF Alvaston base. The organisation was established in 1938 as part of the Air Defence Planning of the UK. The group is run by a team of volunteers from the RAF Volunteer Reserve Training organisation. There are currently 130 cadets with a potential to increase to 150. Approximately, 8% of cadets reside in the area panel 3 area, 65% reside across Derby and the remainder live in the surrounding areas of Derbyshire.

The vehicle to be purchased is a Long Wheel base Land Rover which will be able to carry up to 8 cadets both on and off the road. The vehicle will also be used for events and activities and for transporting equipment. At present the organisation has use of a staff member's vehicle but only when that staff member is involved in events. However, this staff member is moving on which means they have no access to a vehicle and will be required to hire a vehicle, which represents a high cost to the squadron.

The purchase of the vehicle will support other activities of the group which are adventure training activities, the Duke of Edinburgh awards scheme, mobile amateur radio, climbing and expeditions and shooting training and competitions.

The organisation has match funding from Cadet's subscriptions, fundraising activities, sponsorship from TESCO and Gift aid contributions. A further estimated £8,000 is required and further applications have been submitted to area panels 1, 4 and 5. The organisation was awarded £1,000 from Area Panel 2 in June 2006. However, at the time of the application there was no indication of seeking a contribution from other area panels.

Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel
<p><b>REJECT</b></p> <p>An insufficient number of residents of Area Panel Three will benefit as only 8% of their membership reside in the area. The group does not indicate how it will encourage increased membership from the area and the proposal further does not indicate how the funding will benefit the wider community of the area outside of the Squadron Training Corps.</p>

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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 set out in the Council's Corporate Plan	

**Applicant 4:** JET (Jobs, Education and Training)

**Project:** Promoting Community Harmony

**Total cost of project:** £18,000

**Amount of funding requested:** £2,000

**Wards:** All wards

**Description:**

JET (Jobs, Education and Training) is seeking funding to contribute to an awards evening. The event aims to promote community harmony and encourage dialogue and understanding between people from different backgrounds and with different responsibilities. Half of those attending will be from the local community of area panel three (125 people); JET's funders and partners will join them. This means that only 50% of the beneficiaries of the project will come from the area.

The event will offer the opportunity for community members from diverse backgrounds to exchange views with city leaders in informal surroundings. The event will also support the work of JET in promoting community harmony amongst different ethnic minorities.

Funding for the project will contribute to the venue costs for the event, which totals £7,000. The overall cost of the project is £18,000 and contributions to the cost will be made from partner organisations and other agencies.

The evening is primarily for the service users of JET and is supported by a range of partners as follows: Learning and Skills Council; Connexions; Job Centre Plus; Derby CVS; University of Derby; Derby City Council; Derby College; Derbyshire Constabulary; British Army; Rolls Royce; EGG and Pak Foods. The budget for the project is as follows:

Pride Park Venue	£7,000
Food, refreshments and beverages	£5,000
Video, filming and photography	£2,000
Programme and supporting materials	£2,000
Community awards	£500
Volunteer expenses	£500
Contingency	£1,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£18,000</b>

Sources of other income will include sponsorship from JET's main funders and project income. Volunteer's time is payment in kind.

Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel
<p><b>REJECT</b></p> <p>The event does not represent good value for money and the applicant is not clear as to how the event will provide a long lasting benefit and promote improved community relationships. The event appears to be centred solely around the group's users and clients and as such does not have a wider community benefit or impact.</p>

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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	
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 set out in the Council's Corporate Plan	✓

AREA PANEL 3 FUNDING APPROVALS 2006/7						
Area Panel Budget for 2006/7				£17,472		
Budget carried forward from 2005/6				£ 3,116		
Total budget available for allocation in 2006/7				£20,588		
Total budget allocated in 2006/07				£12,740		
Available to allocate		£7,848				
Applicant	Project	Amount requested	Amount approved	Date approval given	Grant paid	Ward
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