



Area Panel Budget Proposals 2005/6

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1.1 Area Panel 4 budget allocation for 2005/6 is £22,000. The panel has an additional budget of £3 carried forward from 2004/5, which means that a total budget of £22,003 is available for allocation to projects during this financial year
- 1.2 Area Panel 4 is asked to consider whether to support the following applications:

Applicant	Project	Ward	Funding requested
Asian Friendship Group	Healthy Living	Littleover	£2,000
Derby City Youth Service	Start up costs	Littleover, Blagreaves	£2,000
Total funding requested			£4,000

- 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 12 December to appraise the applications against the agreed criteria. The purpose of the Appraisal Panel is to support the Area Panel to make decisions about whether to approve applications. Recommendations are based on the information provided by the applicants measured against the area panel funding criteria.
- 1.5 **Appraisal Panel Recommendations**

Applicant	Project	Recommendation
Asian Friendship Group	Healthy Living	Approve
Derby City Youth Service	Start up costs	Approve

- 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 4 in 2005/6 will be:

Area Panel 4	
Budget for 2004/5	£22,000
Commitment carried forward from 2004/5	£3
Total commitments to date	£12,151
Total budget available for allocation in January 2006	£9,852
Funds to be returned due to under spends on projects	£146
Sub-total of proposals to consider in January 2006	£4,000
Budget remaining if proposals for January are approved	£5,998

Blagreaves ward	
Total commitments to date	£3814
Funds to be returned due to under spend on projects - football tournament – June 2005	£49
Sub-total of proposals to consider in January 2006	£1,000
Littleover ward	
Total commitments to date	£5,190
Funds to be returned due to under spend on projects - football tournament – June 2005	£48
Sub-total of proposals to consider in January 2006	£3,000
Mickleover ward	
Total commitments to date	£3,147
Funds to be returned due to under spend on projects - football tournament – June 2005	£49
Sub-total of proposals to consider in January 2006	£0

PROPOSED ACTION

2.1 To consider and determine the two 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 recommendations from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel Appendix 3 – Area Panel 4 funding approvals 2005/6

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 4 must give reasons for its decision.

Legal

- 2.1 Area Panel 4 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.

Applicant 1: Asian Friendship Group

Project: Healthy Living

Total cost of project: £3,050

Amount of funding requested: £2,000

Wards: Littleover

Description:

The Asian Friendship Group was set up in December 2003 to provide support to its members to address social, cultural and economic factors and isolation and stress. They have 25 members from the Heatherton area who meet each week at the Church on Hollybrook Road. Originally the group received funding from Awards for All to pay for the rent but that funding has finished. Social Services provided a grant of £635 to cover rent costs from August 2005 for two meetings a week.

This application is to fund a project to provide healthy living activities for men in the Heatherton area. The group aims to encourage independent living, reduce exclusion and provide information about healthy living for Asian men living in the area who may be excluded. It should be noted that the group has had requests from elderly Asian women in the area to increase their participation and in response the group are currently reviewing how best to do this, either by an integrated group or separate sessions for women.

The funding will be used to pay for:

£1,250	room hire charges for 50 weeks for three meetings a week. Currently they are paying £750 for two meetings a week
£900	Food for the 12 healthy eating sessions at £75 a session
£900	Guests speakers once a month at £75 a session for 12 months
£3,050	Total

The group members currently contribute £2 a month towards the costs of the meetings totally £600 a year. They will also contribute £450 towards the anticipated £1,800 cost of the Healthy eating sessions.

The group does not have any speakers lined up but they do have a few options within the community such as GP's, caterers and possibly teaching professionals that can be pursued. They have been advised Derby CVS that £75 a session for speakers is reasonable.

The healthy eating sessions will start in February 2005 and take place monthly for 1 year.

Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel

Approve in part. Approve funding to contribute to the rent for the sessions and to contribute to the food costs. However, it has not been confirmed a payment is needed for the speakers.

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 or priorities set out in the Council's Corporate Plan	✓

Applicant 2: Derby City Youth Service
Project: Littleover detached projects
Total cost of project: £2,000
Amount of funding requested: £2,000
Wards: Littleover and Blagreaves

Description:

This is new youth club to be opened in January 2006 which is much needed in the area. It will cater for about 60 young people. There has never been a youth club in Littleover area however this club has been established in partnership with young people, elected members and the local community. The club requires a range of equipment and resources to provide a positive programme of activities.

Youth Services have worked closely with the Carlyle Against Crime Action Group, the Police, Housing and Anti-Social Behaviour Team to re-establish this most needed club. Young people have also campaigned to get the club reinstated to give them a positive environment to get involved in productive activity. The project has attracted new members to participate whilst we have been working in the area.

The funding will provide much needed equipment and resources including:

£200	Arts and Crafts materials
£90	New Stereo
£550	Small games and Play Station and games
£500	Sports equipment to use on the park
£500	Refurbishment of pool table and wheels
£160	Youth Work Resources packs from NYA Positive Poster
£2,000	Total

Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel

Approve

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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 or priorities set out in the Council's Corporate Plan	✓

Appendix 3

AREA PANEL 4 FUNDING APPROVALS 2005/6						
Area Panel Budget for 2005/6				£22,000		
Budget carried forward from 2004/5				£ 3		
Total budget available for allocation in 2005/6				£22,003		
Total budget allocated in 2005/06				£12,005		
Applicant	Project	Amount requested	Amount approved	Date approval given	Grant paid	Ward
King George V Pre School Group	Purchase new cooker and fridge	£587	£587	29 June 2005	£587	Blagreaves
Residents Liaison Group	Community newsletter and running costs	£164	£164	29 June 2005	£164	Littleover
Derby City Council Sports Development Team	Area Panel 4 football tournament	£344	£344	29 June 2005	£198	All wards
Intercultural Social Group	Luncheon and social club	£5347	£336	29 September 2005	£336	All wards
Mickleover Community Pavilion Association	Furniture for Mickleover Pavilion, Vicarage Park	£2920.85	£2,920	29 September 2005	£2,920	Mickleover
173 rd Derby (Heatherton) Scout Group	Group camping equipment	£3,000	£2,800	29 September 2005	£2,800	Littleover
Gayton Community Centre	Extension for disabled people's toilets	£1,000	£1,000	30 November 2005	£1,000	Blagreaves
Newmount Brass	Equipment for brass band	£2,000	£2,000	30 November 2005	£2,000	Blagreaves and Littleover
Littleover Lane Allotments Association	Site office conversion	£3,450	£2,000	30 November 2005	£2,000	Blagreaves and Littleover