



Area Panel 4 Budget Proposals 2007/8

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1.1 Area Panel 4 budget allocation for 2007/8 is £17,472. The panel has an additional budget of £6,436 carried forward from 2006/7, which means that a total budget of £23,908 is available for allocation to projects during this financial year.
- 1.2 Area Panel 4 is asked to consider whether to support the applications received. A short summary of each project is attached to this report 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 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.
- 1.5 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 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.
- 1.6 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.

1.8 If the funding applications are approved, the implications for the total budget for Area Panel 4 in 2007/8 will be:

	Area
Budget for 2007/8	£17,472
Carried forward from 2006/7	£6,436
Funds returned due to under spend on projects: Gayton Community Centre - £1,000 from 2005/6	£1,000
Total Budget available for 2007/08	£24,908
Total commitments to date	£600
Total available to allocate at this meeting	£24,308

Funding Applications to consider in September 2007		Officer Advice
124 th Derby(Mickleover) Scouts	£4,700	Approve
Bollards on Cavendish Way	£3,815	Approve
Friends of Ravensdale Junior School	£500	Approve
Mickleover Library User Group	£833	Approve
126(City of Derby) Squadron Air Training Corps	£600	Approve

Sub-total of proposals to consider at this meeting	£10,448
Budget remaining	£13,860

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 forms stored on file.

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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 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 priorities

- 5.1 The provision of grants to community projects can contribute to the delivery of the Council's key priorities.

Appendix 2: Summary of applications and officer advice

Applicant 1: 124th (Mickleover) Derby Scouts
Project: Replacement Scout Hut
Total cost of project: £14,700
Amount of funding requested: £4,700
Wards: Mickleover

Officer Advice
Approve. Officers note the application is for more than the £2,000 guideline

Description

The 124th Scout Group was established in 1946 and has over 180 members. It is one of the oldest and most successful groups in the Derby area and has been providing traditional Scouting activities in Mickleover for 61 years.

The present Scout Hut located adjacent to the British Legion off Western Road is being demolished to make way for housing. In order to provide the same service and facilities as now the group needs a new headquarters. They have negotiated the purchase of the modular building that was used by the University of Derby as their Library on the Mickleover site. The group plans to move the building to a site within the grounds of the Mickleover Royal British Legion Club as their new headquarters.

They are currently negotiating a 99 year lease on the land to ensure the long term future of the group.

This success of this project will ensure facilities continue to be available for over 180 young people who currently live in Mickleover aged from 5 to 25 years of age and future generations.

The building becomes available at the end of September 2007, when demolition of the Mickleover Campus commences. They must move the library within 4 weeks.

The funding is to contribute to the cost of dismantling the library into modular sections, transporting each module, with the use of cranes and lorries, to the new site within the grounds of the Royal British Legion Club on Western Road and to re-build the building and fit services.

The cheapest of the three quotes is £14,700 – one quote was £60,000.

The group is funding £10,000 from their own funds, Wheeldon – the developers, are providing the base for the building. Unfortunately due the housing development work at the site, they were unable to hold the annual May Day event this year. This has meant the group has less funding than they had hoped for.

This stage of the work does not include providing a kitchen and toilets in the new scout hut – these will form stage 2 of the project which will take place when more funds have been raised. They anticipate contributions from parents and leaders to volunteer to help in order to keep costs down.

Applicant 2: Councillor Hird
Project: Bollards on Cavendish Way
Total cost of project: £3,815
Amount of funding requested: £3,815
Wards: Mickleover

Officer Advice
Approve. Officers note the application is for more than the £2,000 guideline.

Description

The application is in response to requests from residents for action to be taken to stop drivers parking their vehicles on the grass verges on Cavendish Way adjacent to Uttoxeter Road. This practice is dangerous as it is reducing visibility for both vehicle users and pedestrians who use the busy junction and attend the doctors surgery. Residents are also unhappy that vehicles are destroying the grass verges which they feel is spoiling the general look of the road and area.

Highways and Transport have been asked to install the bollards, they have surveyed the site and propose that installing 35 bollards will resolve the issue but do not have a budget to complete the work.

The proposal is to fund the cost of installing 35 bollards on the grass verge on Cavendish Way to prevent parking on the verges near the doctors surgery. Each timber bollard will cost £109 to purchase and install and make good.

Highways maintenance has agreed to maintain the bollards when installed and will also fund the repair to the damaged areas of verge.

The work will be completed within 4 weeks of approval.

Applicant 3: Friends of Ravensdale Junior School
Project: Trim Trail
Total cost of project: £ 8,000
Amount of funding requested: £500
Wards: Mickleover

Officer Advice
Approve

Description

The friends group was set up in 2003 to support the activities within the school. At recent meetings the friends group decided to support the purchase of a Trim Trail for the Junior school children to use. Currently the children have a flat concrete playing surface and the group believes adding the Trim Trail to the grassed area would allow playtimes to become more fun, improve fitness, make playtime more physically challenging and help to improve fitness awareness.

The trim trail will benefit about 300 children with over 80% living in Area panel 4 area.

The project is being completed in three stages. The Trim Trail is made up of a variety of obstacles and frames made out of natural wood on a safety surface. It comes in sections which can be purchased separately and they all fit together to create one set of linked pieces of apparatus. Stage one was funded by the Friends group and completed in July 2007 at a cost of £2,500.

The Friends of Ravensdale have involved the children and parents in showing them pictures, designs and ideas at their summer barbeque. Funding of £2,800 has now been raised at fundraising events for stage two to be completed which is planned to be installed by March 2008.

The Area panel is being asked for £500 to contribute towards the cost of stage 3 which will cost £2,700 and is planned to be installed by summer 2008. A number of quotes were obtained and the School Council were involved in early discussions about what sort of apparatus to install.

To fund the shortfall for stage 3 more fundraising events are being planned by the Friends group

Applicant 4: Mickleover Library User Group
Project: Start Up funding
Total cost of project: £ 1,043
Amount of funding requested: £833
Wards: Mickleover and Littleover

Officer Advice
Approve

Description:

The group was set up in February 2007 and constituted in June 2007 by local residents and users of the new Mickleover Library in response to support from Derby City Library Service. The group aims to encourage local people from Mickleover, Littleover and Heatherton to use the new facility and be proud of it. They aim to raise awareness of the new library, dispel the old view of libraries and show it is an excellent place to learn using new technology as well as the traditional literature. The group will raise the public awareness to the free availability of ICT equipment to help those people who don't have ICT equipment at home.

So far the group has successfully worked with local residents and the Library Service to obtain information about the needs and requirements of local residents. They have also assisted the Library Service in the choice of new books, provided voluntary help at the official opening ceremony and regularly visited the library to offer their support in tasks such as garden maintenance. Two members of the group have volunteered to do gardening duties around the new building. Other members have volunteered to help in the library, make refreshments for staff, stack shelves and support activities. The group were in attendance at the opening ceremony to assist members of the public, answer questions and show people around the facility.

Currently there are 12 members of the group and monthly meetings are held in the library with the Library Service provided the room and drinks free of charge. The Library Service will also provide space free of charge when the group purchases its own stationery and cabinet.

The group is asking for funding of £833 to purchase, paper, envelopes, laminator,, pouches, flash drive, files, security box, stamps, drink dispensers, printer cartridges and a storage cabinet.

With this equipment the group will be able to promote the activities of the group and the library to the local community, involve users in using the library and encourage sharing of information

To sustain themselves in the future the group aims to collect annual subscriptions from its members and to arrange fundraising events. The founding members have contributed £110 so far. The group continue to have the backing and support of the Library Service.

Applicant 5: 126(City of Derby) Squadron Air Training Corps
Project: Catering and Climbing
Total cost of project: £ 4,900
Amount of funding requested: £600
Wards: Mickleover, Littleover and Blagreaves

Officer Advice
Approve.

Description:

The organisation is located on part of the old RAF Alvaston base in Alvaston ward and was established in 1938, they have 100 cadets, with the potential to increase to 150 cadets. They operate through the support of 19 volunteers who come from the RAF Volunteer Reserve, all of who live in the Derby area. The Squadron provides training for young people that will be useful in civilian life by providing a range of activities that enable them to have a sense of worth and value. The organisation operates through fundraising events, contributions and the active support and commitment of volunteers.

The project is seeking assistance of £600 towards the costs of purchasing additional and replacement equipment for their catering facilities and to upgrade their climbing equipment. The catering group provide much needed support during weekend training activities on site at Alvaston, during adventure weekends away and also on extended camps. They also cater for social functions on site, for example, the Valentine's dinner, a formal 'Dining in' night for staff and guests and Open Day events.

The current catering equipment is over ten years old and items need to be replaced including the mobile ovens. More benches and tables are also needed,

The climbing equipment is at the end of its recommended safety life of five years and the following equipment needs to be replaced: Rope, Harnesses and helmets and Ancillary equipment. This equipment is used on expeditions and on their own climbing wall.

£1,800 is being requested from Area Panels. About 20 of the Cadets live in Area Panel 4 area, more live in Area panel 2 and less in Area panels 3 and 5. Requests for funding to Area Panels 2, 3 and 5 reflect this. Area panel 2 approved £750 on 5 September.

To replace all the equipment will cost £4,600. Funding is being raised as follows:

£400	bag packing and parachute jump
£1,500	East Midlands Airport, Community Fund – application made
£1,000	Co-Op Community Fund – application made
£200	Rolls Royce donation
£1,800	Area Panels, 2, 3, 4 and 5
£4,900	total

Between June and October 2006 the organisation received funding from Area panels to purchase a land rover. Area panel 2 - £1,000, Area Panel 3 - £150, Area Panel 4 - £1,000 and Area Panel 5 - £210.

Appendix 3

AREA PANEL 4 FUNDING APPROVALS 2007/08						
Area Panel Budget for 2007/8				£17,472		
Budget carried forward from 2006/7				£6,436		
Funds returned due to under spend during previous years				£1,000		
Total budget available for allocation in 2007/8				£23,908		
Total budget allocated in 2007/8				£600		
Applicant	Project	Amount requested	Amount approved	Date approval given	Grant paid	Ward
Breast Feeding Mums group	Peer Counsellor Training, Enrichment Day and Graduation	£600	£600	6 June 2007	Yes	Blagreaves, Littleover