



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

AREA PANEL 4 28 SEPTEMBER 2005

Report of Assistant Director - Community Policy

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
173 rd Derby Heatherton Scout Group	Camping Equipment	Littleover	£3,000
Intercultural Social Group	Luncheon Club	Mickleover, Littleover and Blagreaves	£5,347
Mickleover Community Pavilion Association	Furniture for Mickleover pavilion	Mickleover	£2,920
Total funding requested			£11,267

- 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 1 August 2005 to appraise each application against the new criteria agreed by Council on 21 April 2004. The purpose of the Appraisal Panel is to consider and appraise each application to support the Area Panel to make decisions about whether to approve applications. The Appraisal Panel made a recommendation for each application and they are stated in the table in 1.5. More details about the recommendations are included in Appendix 2. The 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
173 rd Derby Heatherton Scout Group	Camping Equipment	Approve
Intercultural Social Group	Luncheon Club	Defer
Mickleover Community Pavilion Association	Furniture for Mickleover pavilion	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	£1,095
Total budget available for allocation in September 2005	£20,908
Sub-total of proposals to consider in September 2005	£11,267
Budget remaining if proposals for September are approved	£9,641
Blagreaves ward	
Total commitments to date	£702
Sub-total of proposals to consider in September 2005	£1,782

Littleover ward	
Total commitments to date	£278
Sub-total of proposals to consider in September 2005	£4,783
Mickleover ward	
Total commitments to date	£115
Sub-total of proposals to consider in September 2005	£4,702

PROPOSED ACTION

2.1 To consider and determine the three applications for area panel funding.

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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 £1,000, 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 £1,000 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.

Appendix 2

SUMMARY OF APPLICATIONS

Applicant 1: 173rd Derby Heatherton Scout Group

Project: Camping Equipment

Total cost of project: £3,000

Amount of funding requested: £2,800

Wards: Littleover

Description:

The 173rd Scout Group has 60 members and was set up in 1999. It has been co-educational since the Scout Association Policy was introduced in January 2000. As a result of their positive stance in respect of this issue approximately 50% of their beavers, cubs and scouts are girls. No other group in the Derby area has such an equal balance in respect of its membership.

The group had hoped to receive funding from Area Panel 4 for new equipment before Peak 2005 an International camp at Chatsworth. However the application was deferred in June 2005 with a request for more information. This meant the group purchased £200 of gas stoves from existing funds and attended the camp with their existing old and in some cases broken equipment.

The group still needs new camping equipment to enable the group to offer camping as an activity to its existing and future members. Much of the equipment is twenty to thirty years old and at the end of its useful life. Camping brings the children of the area together and encourages teamwork.

The equipment they wish to purchase will enable the children in their community to participate in a camping activity that they are unlikely to take part in individually. This will also encourage children to join and remain in scouting and take part in other community activities such as litter picking and helping with the catering at school fundraising events.

In the last 12 months the group has concentrated its efforts on funding and building a storage facility at the rear of the Co-Op on Hollybrook Way in Heatherton. The group has no storage space at the Church where they meet. The building will have cost over £14,000 when completed and has been paid for by a Lottery Grant, Derbyshire Community Foundation Grant, and by their own fund raising efforts. These include:

Car washes raising £350 to £550 each time.

Car boot sales £100 each event

Aladdin Pantomime £300- funds split 50/50 with Water Aid Charity

Leukaemia Marathon Challenge £100 - funds split 50/50 with Charity

Gift Aid tax refunds of about £1700 on members subscriptions and car wash donations

The group will continued to fundraise to ensure equipment is maintained or replaced as required in the future.

£620	Group Mess Tent
£600	4 Sleeping Tents
£920	4 Dining Shelters
£400	4 Table and Bench Set
£260	Pots, pans, camp oven, mallets, axe, saws
£2,800	Total

Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel
Approve. The Appraisal Panel notes that the request is for £800 more than the area panel funding guideline of £2,000

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	✓

Corporate objectives – the application must meet at least one	
a stimulating and high quality learning environment	✓
healthy, safe and independent communities	✓
a lively and energetic cultural life	
a diverse, attractive and healthy environment	
a prosperous, vibrant and successful economy	
a shared commitment to regenerating our communities	✓

Applicant 2: Intercultural Social Group
Project: Luncheon Club
Total cost of project: £5,347
Amount of funding requested: £5,347
Wards: Mickleover, Littleover and Blagreaves
Description:

The Intercultural Social Group was set up in October 2002 to provide a service for elderly and disabled people from a variety of social groups to meet socially on a weekly basis. These people would otherwise be socially isolated. There are about 25 members who have attended regularly over the period the club has been running. About 40% of the members live in Area Panel 4 area.

The group rents three rooms on one day a week at Mickleover Methodist church for 40 weeks a year. This project is to pay for the rent of the rooms and lunches for the 25 members from October 2005 to September 2006.

£4,400	Food at £4.50 for each member for 40 weeks
£840	Rent for 40 weeks at £21 a week
£25	Diary for each member
£20	Cups at 50p a week
£20	Plates at 50p a week
£10	Forks at 25p a week
£10	Serviettes at 25p a week
£22	Tea, Sugar, Milk Biscuits for 40 weeks
£5,347	Total

Additional information provided after the Appraisal panel meeting. The group were previously funded by Derbyshire Community Foundation and their funding has nearly all been used. The members do not pay a contribution to the lunches or pay a subscription. However the members do not claim for transport to the Luncheon Club and share lifts to get there and home. The group buys in the food and uses disposable cutlery and plates, this means there is no need to use a kitchen and have a cook. About 60% of the members do not live in the Area Panel 4 area with the majority of this 60% living in the Normanton area. 40% of the total amount requested is £2,138.

Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel
Defer. The Appraisal Panel felt additional information was needed about how the group is funded, where the group meets and the arrangements for providing the food. The Appraisal Panel noted that the application was for £3,347 more than the guideline of £2,000. The Appraisal Panel also suggested that the group contacts Social Services to find out if they are eligible for a grant of £200.

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

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a stimulating and high quality learning environment	
healthy, safe and independent communities	✓
a lively and energetic cultural life	
a diverse, attractive and healthy environment	
a prosperous, vibrant and successful economy	
a shared commitment to regenerating our communities	✓

Applicant 3: Mickleover Community Pavilion Association

Project: Furniture for Mickleover pavilion

Total cost of project: £3,020

Amount of funding requested: £2,920

Wards: Mickleover

Description:

After many years of work, the Pavilion on Vicarage Road park is being rebuilt at a cost of £448,000. The facility will be used by many community groups and will need to have furniture inside. This will enable users to make the most out of it.

The responsibility for managing the pavilion rests with the newly formed Mickleover Community Pavilion Association made up of local residents. The project involves purchasing folding chairs and transportation trolleys as well as 14 contour tables and a storage trolley for use in the community room.

The provision of tables and chairs in the new pavilion will allow the community room to achieve its full potential allow group meetings, social events and holiday clubs in the building.

Mickleover Community Action Group has been supporting the project over many years and are contributing some of their funds that they have raised to support the project.

£1,196	80 Folding chairs
£232	Two transportation trolleys
£924.70	14 Tables
£240.91	Storage trolley
£427.24	VAT
£3,020.85	Total

Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel

Approve. The Appraisal Panel noted that the application is for £920 more than the £2,000 guideline.

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	✓

Corporate objectives – the application must meet at least one	
a stimulating and high quality learning environment	
healthy, safe and independent communities	✓
a lively and energetic cultural life	✓
a diverse, attractive and healthy environment	
a prosperous, vibrant and successful economy	
a shared commitment to regenerating our communities	✓

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				£1,095		
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	Work to be done by the Council	All wards