



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

AREA PANEL 4
29 MARCH 2006

Report of Director of Derby Community Safety Partnership

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. The panel has £4,732 remaining to allocate this financial year.
- 1.2 The Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel met on 7 March 2006 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.

Applicant	Project	Ward	Funding requested	Officer advice
Carlisle Against Crime	Community meetings	Blagreaves	£304	Approve
Derby Soft Play Project	New soft play equipment	Mickleover	£2,647	Approve
Gayton Luncheon Club	Luncheon club for the elderly	Blagreaves	£500	Approve
Councillor Troup	Lighting – Aston Road	Blagreaves	£900	Reject
Total funding requested			£4,351	

- 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 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.

- 1.6 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
 - 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.
- 1.7 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 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	£17,271
Total budget available for allocation in March 2006	£4,732
Funds to be returned due to under spends on projects	£146
Sub-total of proposals to consider in March 2006	£4,351
Budget remaining if proposals for March are approved	£527
Blagreaves ward	
Total commitments to date	£5,774
Funds to be returned due to under spend on projects - football tournament – June 2005	£49
Sub-total of proposals to consider in March 2006	£1,704
Littleover ward	
Total commitments to date	£7,870
Funds to be returned due to under spend on projects - football tournament – June 2005	£48
Sub-total of proposals to consider in March 2006	£0
Mickleover ward	
Total commitments to date	£3,627
Funds to be returned due to under spend on projects - football tournament – June 2005	£49
Sub-total of proposals to consider in March 2006	£2,647

PROPOSED ACTION

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

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Background papers: Area Panel Budget allocation criteria, Application form stored on file. Appendix 1
List of appendices: – 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: Carlisle Against Crime

Project: Community Meetings

Total cost of project: £500

Amount of funding requested: £304

Wards: Blagreaves

Description:

Carlisle Against Crime was set up in 1999 to tackle issues in the area around Carlyle Avenue. They hold regular meetings at King George V Park Pavilion Building for local residents to discuss and react to local issues, particularly anti social behaviour. The group brings local people together to solve local issues. Councillors, Police, Derby Homes and Derby Parks also attend meetings.

The group are applying for funding to cover rent charges at King George V Park Pavilion for their quarterly meetings in 2006/7. In the past they have raised their own funding to pay for rental charges, purchase burglar alarms and CCTV. They also receive funding support from Derby Homes to produce all agendas, minutes and 350 copies for the group to distribute after the meetings.

The group also wants to set up a new project based on a voluntary run "elevenes cafe" in the King George V Park Pavilion on Friday mornings. This will be to bring together local park users for a cup of tea and chat about local issues. Other organisations will be invited to attend such as Derby Parks so they can drop in and discuss issues with local residents. The plan is to open for 20 weeks from April to September and the funding will pay for the rent and some supplies to start the project. The aim is to make the project sustainable if it proves successful.

£48	Rent for Committee meetings in 2006/7
£186	Rent for Community Café rent for 20 weeks at £9.30 a week
£70	Coffee, tea, sugar and biscuits
£304	total

Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel

Approve.

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	✓
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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 Soft Play Project
Project: Updating soft play equipment
Total cost of project: £2,647
Amount of funding requested: £2,647
Wards: Mickleover

Description:

The Derby Soft Play Project – DSPP began in 1990 and is based in Mickleover Community Centre where it is a major contributor to the on-going success of the Centre. DSPP provides a safe and enjoyable environment for children and their parents to play and relax. They are open three days a week and receive about 600 visitors a month to the general sessions on Monday, Thursday and Sunday mornings. They also host about ten parties on Sunday afternoons.

They are applying, in priority order, for funding to replace many pieces of important play equipment that are either damaged or broken beyond repair and new table and chairs for the children's parties. The equipment will be stored in the store room in the centre.

The group charge fees for party bookings and an admission price of £2.50 a child for the sessions. In addition they arrange their own fund raising to cover costs. In November 2005 the admission price was raised by 50p to help cover the running costs and allow the project to break even.

To sustain the project in the future they aim to build up a contingency fund to enable them to replace further equipment as necessary. This will be done by re-vamping their party service, approaching local businesses for support, introducing a Loyalty card to encourage regular attendance, re-launching the project to show the community that the soft play project is alive and well and conducting Customer evaluation to gather information about their service and customers.

Priority 1	£515	Play Space Castle/home/road
Priority 2	£910	Party furniture - £210 for 20 chairs at £10.50 and £700 for 7 tables at £100
Priority 3	£459	Open Barrel
Priority 4	£430	All sorts
Priority 5	£190	Crawl Through House
Priority 6	£143	Wobbly Wiggly Worm
	£2,647	Total

Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel

Approve. The Appraisal Panel noted that the request is for 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	✓

Applicant 3: **Gayton Luncheon Club**
Project: Luncheon club for the elderly
Total cost of project: £2,660
Amount of funding requested: £500
Wards: Blagreaves

Description:

The Gayton Luncheon Club was formed in 1990 and has between 20 and 30 elderly members from Blagreaves and Littleover area. The club provides a meeting place twice a week in Gayton School Community Room and regular outings during the summer. On Tuesdays and Wednesdays between 14 and 22 members meet for a hot lunch, entertainment and the chance to mix with friends on a regular basis. All the members pay for their own lunch, which is provided by the School meals service and they pay a contribution to the minibus transport costs. The minibus is hired every week by the club to collect and then return the members to their homes after their meals. Many of the members are disabled and need the transport to get to and from the lunch. The club has previously paid these transport costs from members' contributions and from fund raising activities such as raffles, whist drives and bingo. However, the costs of the bus rise year on year and it is proving difficult for members to pay all the costs themselves. The club is asking for a contribution of £500 towards the annual minibus hire cost of £2,660.

Area panel 4 funded the luncheon club £493 towards the transport costs of the regular coach outings planned in 2005/6. Currently no monitoring form has been returned relating to this grant.

Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel	
Approve. However, the Appraisal panel noted no monitoring information has been returned from the previous grant.	

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 4: **Councillor Troup**
Project: Lighting for footpath by Aston Road
Total cost of project: £900
Amount of funding requested: £900
Wards: Blagreaves

Description:

This project aims to install one 5 metre lighting column on an unlit walkway/footpath between Aston Road and Swarkestone Drive. There is no light on this path, which makes it a perceived danger spot at night, effectively making it a no go area for many residents after dark. The local beat police officer is in favour of installing more light and the request was supported when it was raised at a Littleover Community Panel meeting in 2005.

The improved lighting will reduce vandalism and the fear of crime and will encourage walking to local facilities. Regeneration and Community has confirmed that a lighting column is the best solution because there is no lighting along this footpath but they have no funding available to provide it in the current lighting programme. They have confirmed that they will take on maintenance and revenue costs if a new lighting column is installed.

An application for the same work costing £790 was submitted to Area Panel 4 in March 2005, but was rejected as it was felt that the work should be done through mainstream budgets.

Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel

Reject. The Appraisal panel considered that this project should be funded from mainstream resources.

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	✓

AREA PANEL 4 FUNDING APPROVALS 2005/6				APPENDIX 3		
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				£17,271		
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	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 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
Asian Friendship Group	Healthy Living	£2,000	£1,200	18 January 2006	£1,200	Littleover
Derby City Youth Service	Start up costs	£2,000	£2,000	18 January 2006	Work done by City Council	Littleover, Blagreaves
Derby City Council – Commercial Services	Dual waste bins	£1,920	£1,920	18 January 2006	Work to be done by City Council	Blagreaves, Littleover and Mickleover