

**STRATEGIC INITIATIVES BUDGET :
2008/2009 WARD-BASED COMMUNITY CHEST****Report of the Chief Executive****1.0 Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to bring forward 12 recommendations relating to the 2008/2009 Community Chest Scheme.

2.0 Description of Decision

- 2.1 The Committee is requested to approve all 12 proposals for support from the 2008/09 Community Chest as detailed in Annex I.

3.0 Background

- 3.1 The Committee will be aware that the Community Chest forms part of the Strategic Initiatives Budget and that £250,000 is available for the scheme in 2008/2009, £10,000 for each Ward, plus any unclaimed allocations identified from previous years. This scheme is operated under Section 137 of the Local Government Act.

4.0 Current Position

- 4.1 To date approvals for each Ward total:

Hendon	£7653
Millfield	£8673
Ryhope	£10,387
St. Michael's	£8395

- 4.2 The projects listed on Annex 1 total:

Hendon	£3,847
Millfield	£1,768
Ryhope	£500
St. Michael's	£1,543

- 4.3 Should the Committee grant the requests listed on Annex 1 the remaining balances, including the unclaimed allocations identified from previous years, would be:

Hendon	£0
Millfield	£32
Ryhope	£4,508
St. Michael's	£4,404

5.0 Reason for Decision

- 5.1 Community Chest support is given to projects which clearly demonstrate that they will address identified local needs, as detailed in

Area Regeneration Frameworks, normally providing genuine community benefit and which can subsequently provide evidence/measurement of success in this respect.

6.0 Alternative Options

6.1 The circumstances are such that there are no realistic alternatives that could be considered.

7.0 Relevant Consultation

7.1 Members have been consulted on all applications for Community Chest support.

7.2 The City Treasurer has been consulted on this report, all costs associated with developing Community Chest applications are resourced by the Strategic Initiatives Budget admin fee.

7.3 Residents have been consulted about the priorities in the Area Regeneration Frameworks Community Chest grants support these identified priorities.

8.0 Background Papers

8.1 The following background papers were used:

- Community Chest Application Forms
- Schedule of projects circulated at panel meeting held on Tuesday 20th January, 2009.

COMMUNITY CHEST 2008/2009

PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL

	Recommended Grant subject to final estimates, invoices, up to:
HENDON WARD	
Council for the Disable - Contribution towards three new signs to advertise charities services.	£397
CHANCE – contribution towards new equipment and refurbishment for the crèche	£500
The Y Zone – Contribution towards taking children to pantomime	£450
G Auth Ka Do – Contribution towards purchase of training and safety equipment, etc	£2,000
Darcy Court Residents Association – contribution towards batteries for electric scooters	£150
Friends of Sunderland Old Parish Church - contribution towards actors, costumes and staging anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar	£350
Total	£3,847
MILLFIELD WARD	
West Community Centre – Contribution towards advertising and kitchen equipment, folding chairs, etc	£1,268
The Angelus Luncheon Club – contribution towards taxi fares and Compass bus	£500
Total	£1,768
RYHOPE WARD	
St Aiden's Guide Unit – contribution towards new guiding resources and equipment	£500
Total	£500
ST. MICHAEL'S WARD	
Grangetown CA – contribution to purchase scanner, printer, copier and HIFI	£689
111 (Sunderland) Squadron – Contribution towards purchase of kit	£404
St Aiden's Junior Badminton Club – contribution towards UK CC Level 2 coach fees	£450
Total	£1,543
Total of Project	£7,658