

**STRATEGIC INITIATIVES BUDGET :
2009/2010 WARD-BASED COMMUNITY CHEST AND FINANCIAL UPDATE**

Report of the Chief Executive

1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to bring forward 11 recommendations relating to the 2009/2010 Community Chest Scheme.
- 1.2** Annex 2 outlines expenditure from the Strategic Initiatives Budget and the Strategic Investment Plan.

2.0 Description of Decision

- 2.1** The Committee is requested to approve all 11 proposals for support from the 2009/10 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 2009/2010, £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:

Copt Hill	£4500
Hetton	£3725
Houghton	£4556
Shiney Row	£3550

- 4.2** The projects listed on Annex 1 total:

Copt Hill	£840
Hetton	£2700
Houghton	£1873
Shiney Row	£500

- 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:

Copt Hill	£6891
Hetton	£6062
Houghton	£9539
Shiney Row	£8450

5.0 Reason for Decision

- 5.1** Community Chest support is given to projects which clearly demonstrate that they will address identified local needs, provide 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 and the implementation of the review.
- 7.2** The Director of Financial Resources has been consulted on this report, all costs associated with developing Community Chest applications are resourced by the Strategic Initiatives Budget.
- 7.3** Residents have been consulted about the priorities in the Local Area Plans and Community Chest supports these identified priorities.

8.0 Background Papers

- 8.1** The following background papers were used:
- Community Chest Application Forms.
 - Schedule of projects circulated at the panel meeting held on Wednesday 17th June, 2009.
 - SIB/SIP project allocations.

ANNEX 1

COMMUNITY CHEST 2009/2010

PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL

	Recommended Grant subject to final estimates, invoices, up to:
COPT HILL WARD	
National Brass Band Championship – Contribution towards transport, accommodation, practice facilities etc.,	590
Burnside Bonnies – Contribution towards social activities trips etc.,	250
Total	840
HETTON WARD	
East Rainton Travellers Rest F.C. – Contribution towards fees, equipment etc.,	460
Easington Lane Primary School – Contribution towards alternative activities tutor fees etc.,	1250
National Brass Band Championship – Contribution towards transport, accommodation, practice facilities etc.,	590
Elmore Colliery Banner Group – Contribution towards transport etc.,	400
Total	2700
HOUGHTON WARD	
National Brass Band Championship – Contribution towards transport, accommodation, practice facilities etc.,	590
Burnside Bonnies – Contribution towards social activities trips etc.,	250
Houghton Town F.C. – Contribution towards fees etc.,	533

Houghton Glendale Social F.C. – Purchase of strips, equipment, fees etc.,	500
Total	1873
SHINEY ROW WARD	
Our Lady Queen of Peace Primary School – Purchase of gardening equipment etc.,	500
Total	500
Total of Projects	5913