

**STRATEGIC INITIATIVES BUDGET :
2008/2009 WARD-BASED COMMUNITY CHEST**

Report of the Director of Development and Regeneration

1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to bring forward 19 recommendations relating to the 2008/2009 Community Chest Scheme.

2.0 Description of Decision

- 2.1 The Committee is requested to approve the 19 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 The projects listed on Annex 1 total:

Castle	£2500
Fulwell	£1420
Redhill	£500
Southwick	£2320
St. Peter's	£2180

- 4.2 Should the Committee grant the requests listed on Annex 1 the remaining balances would be:

Castle	£7500
Fulwell	£8580
Redhill	£9500
Southwick	£7680
St. Peter's	£7820

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 the panel meeting held on Tuesday 20th May, 2008.

COMMUNITY CHEST 2008/2009

PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL

	<i>Recommended Grant subject to final estimates, invoices, up to £:</i>
CASTLE WARD	
Castletown Primary School - Contribution towards Derwent Hill trip, transport etc.,	600
Monday Over 60's Club – Contribution towards transport costs.	400
Town End Farm Residents Association – Contribution towards P.A. system.	400
Hylton Castle Primary School – Purchase of waterproof jackets and trousers.	700
Castletown Divas – Purchase of equipment and costumes.	400
Total	2500
FULWELL WARD	
Tempest Aikido Club – Contribution towards creation of website.	500
Fulwell C.A. – Purchase of two display cassettes.	390
No. 3 Inner Wheel – Contribution towards flower festival, staging, printing, publicity etc.,	200
Sunderland Empire Stage Experience – Contribution towards production costs for children throughout the City.	170
Feline Friends – Contribution towards rescue costs.	160
Total	1420
REDHILL WARD	
Redhill Junior Football Club – Purchase of equipment and clothing.	500
Total	500
SOUTHWICK WARD	
Thompson Park Bowling Club – Purchase of new honours board.	300
Southwick Green Area – Provision of 5 planters.	2020
Total	2320

ST. PETER'S WARD

Friends of Roker Park – Purchase of spring bulbs and plants.	250
Sunderland Volunteer Life Brigade – Purchase of life saving equipment.	900
Monkwearmouth Local History Group – Contribution towards commemorative plaque celebrations, refreshments, publicity etc.,	500
No. 3 Inner Wheel – Contribution towards flower festival, staging, printing, publicity etc.,	200
Sunderland Empire Stage Experience – Contribution towards production costs for children throughout the City.	170
Feline Friends – Contribution towards rescue costs.	160
Total	2180
Total of Projects	8920