

**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 3 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 3 proposals for support from the 2009/10 Community Chest as detailed in Annex 1.
- 2.2** The Committee is requested to approve a project previously considered, 'subject to budget approval', from the 2009/10 budget (subject to 09/10 budget approval) as detailed in Annex 3.

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:

Barnes	£700
Pallion	£100
Sandhill	£2554
Silksworth	£4545
St. Anne's	£550
St. Chad's	£3217

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

Barnes	£1100
Pallion	£000
Sandhill	£0000
Silksworth	£500
St. Anne's	£2000
St. Chad's	£0000

- 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:

Barnes	£8400
Pallion	£17,241

Sandhill	£18,736
Silksworth	£6805
St. Anne's	£12,170
St. Chad's	£8156

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 City Treasurer 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 Thursday 18th 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:
BARNES WARD	
Richard Avenue Primary School – Contribution towards school trip to France.	1100
Total	1100
SILKSWORTH WARD	
Silksworth Boys Under 21 F.C. – Contribution towards league fees, pitch hire, equipment etc.,	500
Total	500
ST. ANNE'S WARD	
2nd South Hylton Guides – Purchase of uniforms and equipment.	2000
Total	2000
Total of Projects	3600