

**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 13 recommendations relating to the 2008/2009 Community Chest Scheme.

2.0 Description of Decision

- 2.1 The Committee is requested to approve all 13 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:

Barnes	£4000
Pallion	£2210
Sandhill	£2200
St. Anne's	£1000

- 4.2 The projects listed on Annex 1 total:

Barnes	£2325
Pallion	£1780
Sandhill	£2457
St. Anne's	£840

- 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	£7696
Pallion	£11528
Sandhill	£18575
St. Anne's	£10837

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 24th June, 2008.

COMMUNITY CHEST 2008/2009

PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL

	Recommended Grant subject to final estimates, invoices, up to:
BARNES WARD	
Plains Farm Primary School – Purchase of equipment.	625
Ewesley Road Methodist Church Lunch Club – Contribution towards transport costs.	750
Sunderland Floral Art Club – Contribution towards rental fees.	400
Pemberton Bowling Club – Contribution towards Polish community bowling event, refreshments etc.,	200
Friends of Barnes Park – Contribution towards ‘Fun in the Park’ week.	350
Total	2325
PALLION WARD	
33rd Sunderland Ewesley Road Cubs – Purchase of equipment.	280
Ewesley Road Methodist Church Lunch Club – Contribution towards transport costs.	1000
Pallion Action Group – Contribution towards volunteer awareness day.	500
Total	1780
SANDHILL WARD	
Grindon C.A. Bowls Club – Contribution towards transport.	500
South Sunderland Swim Club – Contribution towards pool costs.	500
Families Together Away Day (GATES) – Contribution towards travel costs, entrance fees etc.,	1457
Total	2457

ST. ANNE'S WARD

Upper Pennywell Residents Association – Contribution towards summer trips. 500

Sunderland Empire Stage Experience – Contribution towards production for children throughout the City. 340

Total 840

Total of Projects 7402