

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

**2.0 Description of Decision**

2.1 The Committee is requested to approve the 7 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:

Castle	£7624
Fulwell	£8022
Redhill	£3692
Southwick	£7877
St. Peter's	£6861

4.2 The projects listed on Annex 1 total:

Castle	£1333
Fulwell	£0
Redhill	£0
Southwick	£2000
St. Peter's	£1130

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:

Castle	£1120
Fulwell	£4407
Redhill	£7581
Southwick	£3768
St. Peter's	£2773

## **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 17<sup>th</sup> February 2009

## COMMUNITY CHEST 2008/2009

## PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL

	<i>Recommended Grant subject to final estimates, invoices, up to £:</i>
<b>CASTLE WARD</b>	
<b>111 (Sunderland) Squadron</b> – Contribution towards purchase of kit.	269
<b>CVS Youth Forum</b> – Contribution towards hire costs and refreshments for a young people's event	488
<b>Royal British Legion – Women's Section</b> – Contribution towards celebration event.	576
<b>Total</b>	<b>1333</b>
<b>SOUTHWICK WARD</b>	
<b>Elite Health and Fitness</b> – Contribution towards gymnasium equipment for young people.	500
<b>Wearmouth Colliery Welfare</b> – Contribution towards renewing fencing around bowling green.	1500
<b>Total</b>	<b>2000</b>
<b>ST. PETER'S WARD</b>	
<b>St Benets over 60s Club</b> – Transport costs for day trips.	500
<b>St Andrew's Sea Scouts</b> – Contribution towards funding courses for young people.	630
<b>Total</b>	<b>1130</b>
<b>Total of Projects</b>	<b>4463</b>