

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

**2.0 Description of Decision**

- 2.1 The Committee is requested to approve the nine 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:

Doxford	£10497
Silksworth	£8816
St. Chad's	£9078

- 4.2 The projects listed on Annex 1 total:

Doxford	£800
Silksworth	£1184
St. Chad's	£1158

- 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:

Doxford	£1835
Silksworth	£0
St. Chad's	£212

**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 Monday 16<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>DOXFORD WARD</b>	
<b>Benedict Biscop Primary School</b> – provision of a multi sensory garden for Foundation year children.	200
<b>Sportsman’s Arms pigeon Club</b> – Purchase of new clocks.	250
<b>Silksworth Over 60s Club</b> – Purchase of new carpet bowls equipment.	350
<b>Total</b>	<b>800</b>
<b>SILKWORTH WARD</b>	
<b>Silksworth Over 60s Club</b> – Purchase of new carpet bowls equipment.	350
<b>Silksworth Dance Fit Group</b> – Contribution towards tuition costs.	234
<b>Sportsman’s Arms pigeon Club</b> – Purchase of new clocks.	600
<b>Total</b>	<b>1184</b>
<b>ST. CHAD’S WARD</b>	
<b>Herrington Flower Club</b> – Contribution to an exhibition of floral art.	300
<b>Cheviot Homes</b> – Contribution to healthy eating, food budgeting and cookery workshops for homeless families.	500
<b>Teuk Soo Tae Kwan</b> – Contribution to the purchase of two t-sports bags.	358
<b>Total</b>	<b>1158</b>
<b>Total of Projects</b>	<b>3142</b>