

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

2.0 Description of Decision

- 2.1 The Committee is requested to approve the 10 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	£9477
Silksworth	£7352
St. Chad's	£8147

- 4.2 The projects listed on Annex 1 total:

Doxford	£1020
Silksworth	£1464
St. Chad's	£931

- 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	£2635
Silksworth	£1184
St. Chad's	£1370

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 15th December, 2008.

COMMUNITY CHEST 2008/2009

PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL

	<i>Recommended Grant subject to final estimates, invoices, up to £:</i>
DOXFORD WARD	
Doxford Park C.A. – Contribution towards ‘Fun Day’, sing-a-long lunch, entertainment etc.,	300
Sunderland Antiquarian Society - Purchase of map chest, web site facilities, photocopier etc.,	100
Multiple Sclerosis Society – Contribution towards transport for day trips.	20
Portland College Specialist School – Purchase of outdoor equipment, tents, sleeping bags, waterproof jackets etc.,	600
Total	1020
SILKWORTH WARD	
Silksworth C.A. Toddler Group – Contribution towards Christmas party and purchase of new toys.	1100
‘No Time for Boredom’ Book Club – Contribution towards production of local history books.	364
Total	1464
ST. CHAD’S WARD	
Middle Herrington Methodist Church Hall – Purchase of blinds.	120
St. Chad’s Ward – Purchase of dog bin.	161
Sunderland Antiquarian Society – Purchase of map chest, web site facilities, photocopier etc.,	250
Donna Clare Venture – Contribution towards running of holiday home.	400
Total	931
Total of Projects	3415