

**STRATEGIC INITIATIVES BUDGET:
2009/2010 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 28 recommendations relating to the 2009/2010 Community Chest Scheme.

2.0 Description of Decision

2.1 The Committee is requested to approve all 28 proposals for support from the 2009/10 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 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:

Washington Central	£400
Washington North	£1300
Washington South	£400
Washington East	£400
Washington West	£520

4.2 The projects listed on Annex 1 total:

Washington Central	£1799
Washington North	£2000
Washington South	£1700
Washington East	£2300
Washington West	£1450

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:

Washington Central	£8021
Washington North	£7578
Washington South	£9400
Washington East	£9967
Washington West	£9508

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 Wednesday 24th June, 2009.

COMMUNITY CHEST 2009/2010

PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL

	Recommended Grant subject to final estimates, invoices, up to
WASHINGTON CENTRAL WARD	
Washingtonians Jazz Band – Contribution towards competition costs, hire of transport etc.,	100
The Village People – Contribution towards activities during the summer, climbing wall, ski slope etc.,	499
Washington Station WI – Purchase of new sound system.	500
Sunderland Remembrance Day Parade – Contribution towards parade expenses, bands, refreshments etc.,	100
The Mayor's Fund – Contribution towards needy children.	100
Washington Cricket Club – Contribution towards groundworks.	500
Total	1799
WASHINGTON EAST WARD	
Barmston Village Primary School – Purchase of equipment for wildlife garden, plants, bird boxes, fountain etc.,	1500
Washingtonians Jazz Band – Contribution towards competition costs, hire of transport etc.,	100
Sunderland Remembrance Day Parade – Contribution towards parade expenses, bands, refreshments etc.,	100
The Mayor's Fund – Contribution towards needy children.	100
Washington Cricket Club – Contribution towards groundworks.	500
Total	2300
WASHINGTON NORTH WARD	
Bede's Babes – Contribution towards social activities, transport, entrance fees etc.,	450
Washingtonians Jazz Band – Contribution towards competition costs, hire of transport etc.,	100

Heworth Road Allotments – Purchase of re-cycling equipment, fencing etc.,	750
The Mayor’s Fund – Contribution towards needy children.	100
Washington Cricket Club – Contribution towards groundworks.	500
Total	2000
WASHINGTON SOUTH WARD	
Washington Cricket Club – Contribution towards groundworks.	500
Lambton Primary School – Contribution towards creating vegetable and wildlife garden.	900
Washingtonians Jazz Band – Contribution towards competition costs, hire of transport etc.,	100
Sunderland Remembrance Day Parade – Contribution towards parade expenses, bands, refreshments etc.,	100
The Mayor’s Fund – Contribution towards needy children.	100
Total	1700
WASHINGTON WEST WARD	
Washington Cricket Club – Contribution towards groundworks.	500
Springwell Village Ladybirds – Contribution towards social activities, trips, transport, refreshments etc.,	450
The Stella F.C. – Contribution towards pitch fees, equipment etc.,	200
Washingtonians Jazz Band – Contribution towards competition costs, hire of transport etc.,	100
The Mayor’s Fund – Contribution towards needy children.	100
Sunderland Remembrance Day Parade – Contribution towards parade expenses, bands, refreshments etc.,	100
Total	1450
Total of Projects	9249