

**STRATEGIC INITIATIVES BUDGET :
2009/2010 WARD-BASED COMMUNITY CHEST AND FINANCIAL UPDATE**

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 20 recommendations relating to the 2009/2010 Community Chest Scheme.
- 1.2** Annex 2 outlines expenditure from the Strategic Initiatives Budget and the Strategic Investment Plan.

2.0 Description of Decision

- 2.1** The Committee is requested to approve all 20 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:

Castle	£6950
Fulwell	£3235
Redhill	£0000
Southwick	£3060
St. Peter's	£785

- 4.2** The projects listed on Annex 1 total:

Castle	£1840
Fulwell	£350
Redhill	£0000
Southwick	£975
St. Peter's	£2000

- 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	£2710
Fulwell	£11,242
Redhill	£19,832
Southwick	£11,903
St. Peter's	£10,138

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 Tuesday 23rd June, 2009.
- SIB/SIP project allocations.

COMMUNITY CHEST 2009/2010

PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL

	<i>Recommended Grant subject to final estimates, invoices, up to £:</i>
CASTLE WARD	
Town End Farm Homing Society – Purchase of new panniers.	840
Northside United F.C. – Contribution towards football equipment, pitch & league fees etc.,	500
Castletown Primary School – Purchase of art/craft materials, equipment etc.,	500
Total	1840
FULWELL WARD	
Sunderland Carers Centre – Contribution towards irish country dancing classes, tuition fees, room hire etc.,	50
Music for All – Purchase of musical equipment and promotion material.	200
Bidders for Bede - Contribution towards new notice boards and printing of calendars.	100
Total	350
SOUTHWICK WARD	
Wearmouth C.W. Football Club – Contribution towards hire of training facilities through the Winter.	300
Sunderland Empire Stage Experience – Contribution towards tuition for vocal and dance workshops.	75
Sunderland Remembrance Day Parade – Contribution towards parade expenses, bands, refreshments, transport etc.,	100
Sunderland Carers Centre – Contribution towards irish country dancing classes, tuition fees, room hire etc.,	100
Sunderland Headlight – Purchase of desktop packages.	50
Music for All – Purchase of musical equipment and promotion material.	50

Bidders for Bede - Contribution towards new notice boards and printing of calendars.	100
S.H.A.P.S (Southwick Heritage and Preservation Society) – Purchase of banner, equipment etc.,	200
Total	975
ST. PETER’S WARD	
Chillingham House Residents – Contribution towards day trips etc.,	600
Dame Dorothy Primary School – Contribution towards trip to Derwent Hill.	1000
Bidders for Bede - Contribution towards new notice boards and printing of calendars.	100
Sunderland Headlight – Purchase of desktop packages.	50
Music for All – Purchase of musical equipment and promotion material.	200
Sunderland Carers Centre – Contribution towards irish country dancing classes, tuition fees, room hire etc.,	50
Total	2000
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Total of Projects	5,165