

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

2.0 Description of Decision

- 2.1 The Committee is requested to approve all 23 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:

Hendon	£4438
Millfield	£3535
Ryhope	£5588
St. Michael's	£4083

- 4.2 The projects listed on Annex 1 total:

Hendon	£3215
Millfield	£3595
Ryhope	£199
St. Michael's	£2212

- 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:

Hendon	£3847
Millfield	£3343
Ryhope	£9608
St. Michael's	£8047

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 panel meeting held on Tuesday 16th September, 2008.

COMMUNITY CHEST 2008/2009

PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL

	Recommended Grant subject to final estimates, invoices, up to:
HENDON WARD	
Percy Terrace Residents Association – Contribution towards wall, railings and gates.	1765
Khushi Women’s Group – Contribution towards publicity, venue costs, transport, refreshments etc.,	1000
‘Music for All’ – Purchase of music, repairs, festival fees etc.,	200
Sunderland Remembrance Day Parade Steering Group – Contribution towards expenses, bands, transport, refreshments, etc.,	100
Sunderland Pensioners Association – Contribution towards pensioners parliament at Blackpool.	50
Sunderland Antiquarian Society – Purchase of map chest, web site facilities, photocopier etc.,	100
Total	3215
MILLFIELD WARD	
Sunderland Remembrance Day Parade Steering Group – Contribution towards expenses, bands, transport, refreshments, etc.,	100
St. Joseph’s Junior F.C. – Contribution towards league fees and training courses.	500
Millfield Salvation Army – Contribution towards new play equipment for toddler and parent group.	400
St. Mark’s C.A. – Contribution towards facilities in aid of fun day.	500
St. Joseph’s Parish Centre – Purchase of oven.	500

Multiple Sclerosis Society – Contribution towards transport for day trips.	250
Creative Women’s Group – Contribution towards tutor’s fee, room hire, materials etc.,	500
Muriel Harrison Dance School – Contribution towards material and props for charity show.	500
City Centre Residents Association – Contribution towards social activities, day trips etc.,	345
Total	3595
RYHOPE WARD	
Ryhope Jolly Girl’s – Purchase of bingo machine.	199
Total	199
ST. MICHAEL’S WARD	
Ladies Probus Club – Contribution towards social activities, day trips etc.,	700
Men’s Probus Club - Contribution towards social activities, day trips etc.,	175
SSAFA – Contribution towards ‘Big Brew Up’ Day.	150
Ashbrooke Resident’s Association – Contribution towards coach hire & entry fee to Alnwick Gardens.	487
Sunderland Remembrance Day Parade Steering Group – Contribution towards expenses, bands, transport, refreshments, etc.,	100
Sunderland Pensioners Association – Contribution towards pensioners parliament at Blackpool.	100
Sunderland Antiquarian Society – Purchase of map chest, web site facilities, photocopier etc.,	500
Total	2212
Total of Projects	9,,221