

**WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**1<sup>st</sup> October, 2008**

**Title of Report:**  
 STRATEGIC INITIATIVES BUDGET : 2008/09 WARD BASED COMMUNITY CHEST

**Author(s):**  
 Report of the Chief Executive (Acting)

**Purpose of Report:**  
 The purpose of this report is to bring forward 18 recommendations relating to the 2008/09 Community Chest Scheme.

**Description of Decision:**

The Committee is requested to:

- i. approve the 18 proposals for support from the 2008/09 Community Chest as detailed in Annex 1

**Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework? \*Yes**

**If not, Council approval is required to change the Budget/Policy Framework**

**Suggested reason(s) for Decision:**  
 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. This scheme is operated under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

**Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected:**

The circumstances are such that there are no realistic alternatives that could be considered.

**Is this a “Key Decision” as defined in the Constitution?**  
 No

**Relevant Review Committee:**

**Is it included in the Forward Plan?**  
 No

**Regeneration and Community Review Committee**