

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

2.0 Description of Decision

- 2.1 The Committee is requested to approve all 18 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:

Barnes	£9,534
Pallion	£5,655
Sandhill	£11,142
St. Anne's	£5,367

- 4.2 The projects listed on Annex 1 total:

Barnes	£4487
Pallion	£2647
Sandhill	£1200
St. Anne's	£3010

- 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:

Barnes	£0000
Pallion	£7216
Sandhill	£10,890
St. Anne's	£4300

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 Thursday 26th March, 2009.

COMMUNITY CHEST 2008/2009

PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL

	Recommended Grant subject to final estimates, invoices, up to:
BARNES WARD	
Red Machine Allotments – Contribution towards skip hire, paint, locks, publicity etc.,	490
Barnes Junior School Boxing Club – Contribution towards tournament costs.	1000
47th Humbledon Methodist Brownies – Contribution towards pack holiday.	360
Richard Avenue Primary School – Purchase of art resources, cookery equipment, whiteboard etc.,	700
Amanda Robinson’s Residents Parking Committee – Contribution towards setting up costs, stationery, publicity etc.,	100
Plains Farm & Humbledon Community Initiative – Contribution towards group activities.	1837
Total	4487
PALLION WARD	
Four Seasons Activity Group – Contribution towards materials for kite making, camping trip, equipment etc.,	2047
Sunderland Remembrance Day Parade – Contribution towards expenses.	100
Sunderland Antiquarian Society – Purchase of map chest, web site facilities, photocopier etc.,	100
Sunderland Women’s F.C. – Contribution towards pitch hire etc.,	200
Sunderland Symphony ‘Music for All’ – Contribution towards promotion of concerts, purchase of music, instruments etc.,	200
Total	2647

SANDHILL WARD

Gardiner Road Bowls Club – Purchase of shirt and jumpers with logo. 400

Donna Claire Venture – Contribution towards holiday home. 800

Total **1200**

ST. ANNE'S WARD

South Hylton Area Hanging Baskets – Contribution towards establish, maintain, install and remove hanging baskets. 2110

Sunderland Remembrance Day Parade – Contribution towards expenses. 100

Sunderland Women's F.C. – Contribution towards pitch hire etc., 200

Unity Organisation – Contribution towards multi-cultural event. 400

Sunderland Symphony 'Music for All' – Contribution towards promotion of concerts, purchase of music, instruments etc., 200

Total **3010**

Total of Projects **11,344**