

**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 22 recommendations relating to the 2009/2010 Community Chest Scheme.
- 1.2 This report also outlines the proposed review of the Community Chest procedures.

**2.0 Description of Decision**

- 2.1 The Committee is requested to approve all 22 proposals for support from the 2009/10 Community Chest as detailed in Annex I.
- 2.2 The Committee is also requested to agree to the proposed Community Chest review.

**3.0 Background**

- 3.1 The Community Chest was introduced in the 1994/95 financial year. The overall aim of the Community Chest is to support community and voluntary groups and assist in the establishment and development of these groups.
- 3.2 During the past 15 years a number of minor improvements have been made to Community Chest procedures and processes. It is now proposed to carry out a full review and introduce new financial, management, marketing and monitoring procedures for the financial year 2009/10. The review will include new applications forms, leaflets, a monitoring programme and improved financial controls.

The outcome will support both the effective financial management of the grant in addition to providing improved methods of monitoring and maximising the benefits to the community. A report outlining the success of the Community Chest 2009/10 will be presented to the Area Committee in April 2010.

- 3.3 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 The projects listed on Annex 1 total:

Doxford	£1400
Hendon	£3884
Millfield	£4975
Ryhope	£2000
St. Michael's	£1816

4.2 Should the Committee grant the requests listed on Annex 1 the remaining balances would be:

Doxford	£8600
Hendon	£6116
Millfield	£5025
Ryhope	£8000
St. Michael's	£8184

## **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.

5.2 Improved marketing arrangements in addition to financial and performance management of the grant will help to ensure that the funding is spent in this regard, support organisations in accessing the fund and provide evidence to highlight how the grant benefits local communities.

## **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 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2009.

## ANNEX 1

### COMMUNITY CHEST 2009/2010

#### PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL

	<b>Recommended Grant subject to final estimates, invoices, up to:</b>
<b>DOXFORD WARD</b>	
<b>Benedict Biscop CE Primary School</b> – Contribution towards educational visit to France.	1200
<b>Sunderland Primary Schools F.A.</b> – Contribution towards 7-a-side tournament at Wembley, transport, accommodation etc.,	200
<b>Total</b>	<b>1400</b>
<b>HENDON WARD</b>	
<b>Hendon Young People's Project</b> – Contribution towards web filter, technical support etc.,	884
<b>Sunderland East End ABC</b> – Purchase of equipment, security measures etc.,	3000
<b>Total</b>	<b>3884</b>
<b>MILLFIELD WARD</b>	
<b>Little Jo's Toddler Group</b> – Contribution towards room hire etc.,	500
<b>Carisbrooke Court</b> – Purchase of projector, screen, DVD player and Wii fitness/games set.	500
<b>Barnes, Pallion &amp; Millfield Residents Association</b> – Purchase of stationery, printing, room hire etc.,	300
<b>50<sup>th</sup> St. Bede's Guides</b> – Contribution towards trip to France, accommodation, transport etc.,	1000
<b>Over 60's Dance &amp; Social Club</b> – Contribution towards social activities, trips, transport, refreshments etc.,	500
<b>St. Joseph's Youth Group</b> – Contribution towards residential team building event, transport etc.,	500
<b>Deptford &amp; Millfield Senior Citizens Group</b> – Contribution towards Christmas lunch and entertainment.	500

**Sunderland Primary Schools F.A.** – Contribution towards 7-a-side tournament at Wembley, transport, accommodation etc., 500

**Sunderland Empire Stage Experience** – Contribution towards workshops for 5 young people. 175

**Deptford Boat Club** – Purchase of equipment. 500

**Total** **4975**

#### **RYHOPE WARD**

**Sunderland Primary Schools F.A.** – Contribution towards 7-a-side tournament at Wembley, transport, accommodation etc., 500

**St. Paul's CE Primary School** – Purchase of equipment, trees, plants etc., 1500

**Total** **2000**

#### **ST. MICHAEL'S WARD**

**Monday Afternoon Club** – Contribution towards Christmas lunch. 215

**Mowbray W.I.** – Contribution towards social activities, lunch, transport etc., 647

**Age Concern After Stroke Club** - Contribution towards social activities, lunch, transport etc., 100

**Eagles Community Foundation** – Contribution towards coaching, tournament fees, strips etc., 554

**Sunderland Primary Schools F.A.** – Contribution towards 7-a-side tournament at Wembley, transport, accommodation etc., 200

**The Mayor's Fund** – Contribution towards needy children. 100

**Total** **1816**

**Total of Projects** **14,075**