

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

2.0 Description of Decision

- 2.1 The Committee is requested to approve all 11 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	£11,500
Millfield	£10,441
Ryhope	£10,887
St. Michael's	£10,674

- 4.2 The projects listed on Annex 1 total:

Hendon	£0000
Millfield	£0000
Ryhope	£4500
St. Michael's	£2900

- 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	£0
Millfield	£32
Ryhope	£8
St. Michael's	£768

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 Monday 23rd March, 2009.

COMMUNITY CHEST 2008/2009

PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL

	Recommended Grant subject to final estimates, invoices, up to:
RYHOPE WARD	
1st Ryhope St. Paul's Guides – Contribution towards purchase of new union flag and tents.	500
St. Patrick's School – Purchase of early years equipment.	700
Ryhope Junior School – Contribution towards painting new markings for games.	800
Ryhope Art for Pleasure – Contribution towards purchase of materials, room hire etc.,	500
Ryhope Sea View Angling Club – Contribution towards transport to Siloth for fishing experience.	500
Ryhope Colliery Welfare F.C. – Contribution towards pitch hire, training facilities etc.,	1300
Grangemere Close Residents – Purchase of bingo machine.	200
Total	4500
ST. MICHAEL'S WARD	
Embroidery Group – Contribution towards costs of hiring room.	400
Royalty Theatre – Contribution towards refurbishment of theatre.	500
St. John's Methodist Church Hall – Contribution towards refurbishment costs.	1000
Stockton Road United Reform Church Hall – Contribution towards refurbishment of toilet block, baby changing unit etc.,	1000
Total	2900
Total of Projects	7400