

7th February, 2007

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES BUDGET : 2006/07 WARD BASED COMMUNITY CHEST

Director of Development and Regeneration

The purpose of this report is to bring forward 19 recommendations relating to the 2006/07 Community Chest Scheme.

i. approve all 19 proposals for support from the 2006/07 Community Chest as detailed in Annex 1

*Yes

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Regeneration and Community Review Committee

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Report of the Director of Development and Regeneration

1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to bring forward 19 recommendations relating to the 2006/2007 Community Chest Scheme.

2.0 Description of Decision

- 2.1 The Committee is requested to approve all 19 proposals for support from the 2006/07 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 2006/2007, £10,000 for each Ward. This scheme is operated under Section 137 of the Local Government Act.

4.0 Current Position

- 4.1 To date approvals for each of the Wards total:

Washington Central	£10,000
Washington East	£900
Washington North	£4230
Washington South	£3512
Washington West	£8030

- 4.2 The projects listed on Annex 1 total :

Washington Central	£000
Washington East	£000
Washington North	£5770
Washington South	£6488
Washington West	£1970

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

Washington Central	£000
Washington East	£9100
Washington North	£000
Washington South	£000
Washington West	£000

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 the panel meeting held on Wednesday 31st January, 2007.