

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

**2.0 Description of Decision**

2.1 The Committee is requested to approve all 5 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:

Washington Central	£16,071
Washington East	£10,087
Washington North	£12,416
Washington South	£6964
Washington West	£10995

4.2 The projects listed on Annex 1 total:

Washington Central	£0000
Washington East	£3000
Washington North	£0000
Washington South	£4365
Washington West	£0000

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:

Washington Central	£0000
Washington East	£787
Washington North	£478
Washington South	£0000
Washington West	£898

## **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 Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2009.

## COMMUNITY CHEST 2008/2009

## PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL

*Recommended  
Grant subject to  
final estimates,  
invoices, up to*

**WASHINGTON EAST WARD**

**Harraton & Fatfield War Memorial** – Contribution towards pointing up, planting of shrubs, bulbs etc., 3000

**Total** **3000**

**WASHINGTON SOUTH WARD**

**Ayton Allotment Association** – Contribution towards purchase of container, generator and multi lock. 2002

**Lambton Lions Junior F.C.** – Purchase of training/safety equipment, kits, hire costs, league fees etc., 231

**Fagan School of Irish Dance** – Contribution towards cost of travel, accommodation etc., 1500

**Washington History Society** – Purchase of scanner and laptop. 632

**Total** **4365**

**Total of Projects** **7365**