

**STRATEGIC INITIATIVES BUDGET :
2008/2009 WARD-BASED COMMUNITY CHEST****Report of the Chief Executive (Acting)****1.0 Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to bring forward 29 recommendations relating to the 2008/2009 Community Chest Scheme.

2.0 Description of Decision

- 2.1 The Committee is requested to approve all 29 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	£10,840
Washington East	£6831
Washington North	£6965
Washington South	£1844
Washington West	£4284

- 4.2 The projects listed on Annex 1 total:

Washington Central	£1401
Washington East	£2761
Washington North	£2061
Washington South	£7261
Washington West	£1686

- 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	£3830
Washington East	£4182
Washington North	£3768
Washington South	£2124
Washington West	£5823

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 19th November, 2008.

COMMUNITY CHEST 2008/2009

PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL

	Recommended Grant subject to final estimates, invoices, up to:
WASHINGTON CENTRAL WARD	
Washington Glebe Bowling Club – Contribution towards travel costs to away matches.	390
Washington Town F.C. – Purchase of equipment, pitch hire etc.,	200
Age Concern Washington – Contribution towards Christmas social events.	200
Washington Ward Area – Contribution towards Christmas decorations.	250
2214 Usworth Squadron – Purchase of hand held transceivers for the cadets.	341
Council for the Disabled – Contribution towards new signage.	20
Total	1401
WASHINGTON EAST WARD	
Washington Town F.C. – Purchase of equipment, pitch hire etc.,	200
Age Concern Washington – Contribution towards Christmas social events.	200
2214 Usworth Squadron – Purchase of hand held transceivers for the cadets.	341
Fatfield Primary School – Contribution towards tarmac area for seating for the children.	2000
Council for the Disabled – Contribution towards new signage.	20
Total	2761

WASHINGTON NORTH WARD

Washington Town F.C. – Purchase of equipment, pitch hire etc.,	200
Age Concern Washington – Contribution towards Christmas social events.	200
2214 Usworth Squadron – Purchase of hand held transceivers for the cadets.	341
Ladies Pamper Day – Washington Millennium Centre – Contribution towards Christmas lunch.	550
Usworth Colliery Primary Parents Association – Purchase of equipment, costumes etc.,	750
Council for the Disabled – Contribution towards new signage.	20
Total	2061

WASHINGTON SOUTH WARD

Washington Town F.C. – Purchase of equipment, pitch hire etc.,	200
Age Concern Washington – Contribution towards Christmas social events.	200
2214 Usworth Squadron – Purchase of hand held transceivers for the cadets.	341
Lambton C.A. – Contribution towards new heating system, alarm and decoration.	6500
Council for the Disabled – Contribution towards new signage.	20
Total	7261

WASHINGTON WEST WARD

Washington Town F.C. – Purchase of equipment, pitch hire etc.,	200
Age Concern Washington – Contribution towards Christmas social events.	200
2214 Usworth Squadron – Purchase of hand held transceivers for the cadets.	341

Washington West Ward – Contribution towards Christmas decorations.	125
Blackfell Neighbourhood Watch – Contribution towards Christmas party for senior citizens.	600
Springwell Village Hall – Contribution towards ‘Wish Tree’ project, tree, lights, refreshments etc.,	200
Council for the Disabled – Contribution towards new signage.	20
Total	1686
Total of Projects	15,170