

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

**2.0 Description of Decision**

- 2.1 The Committee is requested to approve all 10 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:

Barnes	£8534
Pallion	£4430
Sandhill	£6702
St. Anne's	£1963

- 4.2 The projects listed on Annex 1 total:

Barnes	£0000
Pallion	£500
Sandhill	£1990
St. Anne's	£1659

- 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:

Barnes	£5487
Pallion	£10,588
Sandhill	£14,540
St. Anne's	£9055

## **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 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2008.

## COMMUNITY CHEST 2008/2009

## PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL

	<b>Recommended Grant subject to final estimates, invoices, up to:</b>
<b>PALLION WARD</b>	
<b>Greyforce Computer Club</b> – Purchase of computer.	500
<b>Total</b>	<b>500</b>
<b>SANDHILL WARD</b>	
<b>Holy Family Church Community Hall</b> – Contribution towards supply and fitting of new carpet.	700
<b>Grindon Broadway Social Club</b> – Contribution towards children's Christmas party, refreshments, entertainment etc.,	990
<b>Sunderland Remembrance Day Steering Group</b> – Contribution towards expenses.	100
<b>Sunderland Pensioners Association</b> - Contribution towards Pensioners Parliament conference.	100
<b>Council for the Disabled</b> – Contribution towards 3 new signs to advertise charities services.	100
<b>Total</b>	<b>1990</b>
<b>ST. ANNE'S WARD</b>	
<b>Upper Pennywell Residents Association</b> – Contribution towards Christmas celebrations, refreshments etc.,	500
<b>South Hylton Residents Association</b> – Contribution towards room hire, refreshments etc.,	400
<b>Pennywell Community Centre</b> – Purchase of cooker.	389
<b>South Hylton Tansy Centre</b> – Purchase of floor cleaning machine.	370
<b>Total</b>	<b>1659</b>
<b>Total of Projects</b>	<b>4149</b>