

**STRATEGIC INITIATIVES BUDGET :
2007/2008 WARD-BASED COMMUNITY CHEST**

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 7 recommendations relating to the 2007/2008 Community Chest Scheme.

2.0 Description of Decision

2.1 The Committee is requested to approve the 7 proposals for support from the 2007/08 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 2007/2008, £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:

Doxford	£7224
Silksworth	£9194
St. Chad's	£12013

4.2 The projects listed on Annex 1 total:

Doxford	£2922
Silksworth	£3158
St. Chad's	£0

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:

Doxford	£1057
Silksworth	£0
St. Chad's	£13

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 Monday 18th February, 2008.

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PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL

	<i>Recommended Grant subject to final estimates, invoices, up to £:</i>
DOXFORD WARD	
Benedict Biscop Care & Learning Club – Purchase of equipment for pool, table tennis, computers etc.,	672
Patient Participation Group – Contribution towards complementary therapies, massage, reflexology etc.,	1000
Benedict Biscop C.E. Primary School – Contribution towards gardening project, greenhouse, fencing, plants, soil etc.,	750
Venerable Bede C of E School – Contribution towards trip to Lesotho.	500
Total	2922
SILKSWORTH WARD	
Venerable Bede C of E School – Contribution towards trip to Lesotho.	358
Silksworth Community Centre – Contribution towards security shutters.	1800
New Silksworth Brass Band – Contribution towards repairs to instruments, insurance etc.,	1000
Total	3158
Total of Projects	6080