

**STRATEGIC INITIATIVES BUDGET :
2008/2009 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 16 recommendations relating to the 2008/2009 Community Chest Scheme.

2.0 Description of Decision

2.1 The Committee is requested to approve the 16 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:

Castle	£7624
Fulwell	£4812
Redhill	£3192
Southwick	£6827
St. Peter's	£4982

4.2 The projects listed on Annex 1 total:

Castle	£0
Fulwell	£3210
Redhill	£500
Southwick	£1050
St. Peter's	£1879

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:

Castle	£2453
Fulwell	£4407
Redhill	£7581
Southwick	£5768
St. Peter's	£3903

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 Tuesday 16th December, 2008.

COMMUNITY CHEST 2008/2009

PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL

	<i>Recommended Grant subject to final estimates, invoices, up to £:</i>
FULWELL WARD	
Donna Clare Venture – Contribution towards running of holiday home.	1000
Fulwell Junior School – Contribution towards Empire show to celebrate centenary concert.	1000
Feline Friends – Contribution towards rescue costs and vets fees.	160
Sunderland Antiquarian Society – Purchase of map chest, web site facilities, photocopier etc.,	200
Sunderland Orphanage and Educational Foundation – Contribution towards helping disadvantaged children, shoes, clothes etc.,	500
Sunderland Women's F.C. – Contribution towards pitch hire.	150
Council for the Disabled – Contribution towards 3 new signs.	50
Sunderland Cardiac Support Group – Purchase of gym equipment.	150
Total	3210
REDHILL WARD	
Redhouse C.A. – Contribution towards sports hall fees etc.,	500
Total	500
SOUTHWICK WARD	
Little Tiggers – Purchase of bouncy castle.	350
Wearmouth CW Junior F.C. – Contribution towards hire of indoor facilities.	200
Oblivion – Contribution towards netting for sports hall.	500
Total	1050
ST. PETER'S WARD	
Roker Park Model Boat Club – Contribution towards purchase of computer and printer.	879

Council for the Disabled – Contribution towards 3 new signs.	50
Donna Clare Venture – Contribution towards running of holiday home.	800
Sunderland Cardiac Support Group – Purchase of gym equipment.	150
Total	1879
Total of Projects	6639