

**STRATEGIC INITIATIVES BUDGET :
2009/2010 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 31 recommendations relating to the 2009/2010 Community Chest Scheme.
- 1.2 This report also outlines the proposed review of the Community Chest procedures.

2.0 Description of Decision

- 2.1 The Committee is requested to approve all 31 proposals for support from the 2009/10 Community Chest as detailed in Annex I.
- 2.2 The Committee is also requested to agree to the proposed Community Chest review.

3.0 Background

- 3.1 The Community Chest was introduced in the 1994/95 financial year. The overall aim of the Community Chest is to support community and voluntary groups and assist in the establishment and development of these groups.
- 3.2 During the past 15 years a number of minor improvements have been made to Community Chest procedures and processes. It is now proposed to carry out a full review and introduce new financial, management, marketing and monitoring procedures for the financial year 2009/10. The review will include new applications forms, leaflets, a monitoring programme and improved financial controls.

The outcome will support both the effective financial management of the grant in addition to providing improved methods of monitoring and maximising the benefits to the community. A report outlining the success of the Community Chest 2009/10 will be presented to the Area Committee in April 2010.

- 3.3 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 2009/2010, £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 The projects listed on Annex 1 total:

Copt Hill	£4500
Hetton	£3725
Houghton	£4556
Shiney Row	£3550

4.2 Should the Committee grant the requests listed on Annex 1 the remaining balances would be:

Copt Hill	£5500
Hetton	£6275
Houghton	£5444
Shiney Row	£6450

5.0 Reason for Decision

5.1 Community Chest support is given to projects which clearly demonstrate that they will address identified local needs, provide genuine community benefit and which can subsequently provide evidence/measurement of success in this respect.

5.2 Improved marketing arrangements in addition to financial and performance management of the grant will help to ensure that the funding is spent in this regard, support organisations in accessing the fund and provide evidence to highlight how the grant benefits local communities.

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 and the implementation of the review.

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.

7.3 Residents have been consulted about the priorities in the Local Area Plans and Community Chest supports 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 20th May, 2009.

COMMUNITY CHEST 2009/2010

PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL

	Recommended Grant subject to final estimates, invoices, up to:
COPT HILL WARD	
Bethany Youth & Toddler Group – Purchase of equipment.	500
Hetton Lyons F.C. – Purchase of football equipment.	500
Herrington Burn YMCA – Purchase of uniforms for staff and volunteers.	500
Houghton Colliery Welfare C.C. – Purchase of clothing and equipment.	900
Houghton Bowling Club – Contribution towards disabled toilets.	500
FACE (Families and Children Engage) – Contribution towards publicity, events etc.,	1000
Sunderland Primary Schools F.A. – Contribution towards 7-a-side tournament at Wembley, transport, accommodation etc.,	500
The Mayor's Fund – Contribution towards needy children.	100
Total	4500
HETTON WARD	
Sunderland Primary Schools F.A. – Contribution towards 7-a-side tournament at Wembley, transport, accommodation etc.,	500
Thursday Bingo Club – Contribution towards Christmas lunch.	150
Easington Lane Senior Citizens Club – Contribution towards Christmas lunch,	1000
Hetton Lyons Mothers Union – Contribution towards	500

Christmas lunch.	
Easington Lane & Hetton Club for the Disabled – Contribution towards social activities, trips, meals etc.,	475
Friends of Hetton Bog – Contribution towards start up costs.	500
Hetton Lyons F.C. – Purchase of football equipment.	500
The Mayor’s Fund – Contribution towards needy children.	100
Total	3725

HOUGHTON WARD

Houghton Colliery Welfare C.C. – Purchase of clothing and equipment.	901
Houghton Bowling Club – Contribution towards disabled toilets.	1000
Herrington Burn YMCA – Purchase of uniforms for staff and volunteers.	500
FACE (Families and Children Engage) – Contribution towards publicity, events etc.,	1000
Bethany Youth & Toddler Group – Purchase of equipment.	555
The Mayor’s Fund – Contribution towards needy children.	100
Sunderland Primary Schools F.A. – Contribution towards 7-a-side tournament at Wembley, transport, accommodation etc.,	500
Total	4556

SHINEY ROW WARD

Sunderland Primary Schools F.A. – Contribution towards 7-a-side tournament at Wembley, transport, accommodation etc.,	200
Penshaw Catholic Women’s Guild – Contribution towards Christmas lunch, transport etc.,	500
Trinity Methodist Church Hall – Purchase and installation of new gas heaters.	500
Penshaw C.A. – Contribution towards ‘Scarecrow’ event, 1 st aid, refreshments, insurance etc.,	800

Monument View – Contribution towards white water safety course.	500
Herrington Burn YMCA – Purchase of uniforms for staff and volunteers.	500
St. Aidan’s Luncheon Club – Contribution towards social activities for the members, trips, refreshments etc.,	450
The Mayor’s Fund – Contribution towards needy children.	100
Total	3550
Total of Projects	16,331