

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

2.0 Description of Decision

- 2.1** The Committee is requested to approve all 21 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** The projects listed on Annex 1 total:

Copt Hill	£3800
Hetton	£5740
Houghton	£1000
Shiney Row	£5416

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

Copt Hill	£6200
Hetton	£4260
Houghton	£9000
Shiney Row	£4584

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 21st May, 2008.

COMMUNITY CHEST 2008/2009

PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL

	Recommended Grant subject to final estimates, invoices, up to:
COPT HILL WARD	
Eppleton Cricket Club Junior Section – Contribution towards start up costs, admin, equipment, registration etc.,	500
High Downs Centre – Contribution towards entertainment and outings.	800
YMCA Herrington Burn – Contribution towards educational trip to Prague.	500
Hetton Community Festival – Contribution towards carnival expenses, hire of marquee, first aid, street theatres etc.,	2000
Total	3800
HETTON WARD	
Hetton Primary School – Contribution towards cost of ICT programme.	500
Hetton Community Festival – Contribution towards carnival expenses, hire of marquee, first aid, street theatres etc.,	2000
Moorsley Care of the Aged – Contribution towards transport, meals, Christmas party, caterers etc.,	1000
Hetton Lyons Mothers Union – Contribution towards Christmas lunch.	740
Thursday Bingo Club – Contribution towards Christmas lunch.	100
Easington Lane Senior Citizens – Contribution towards lunch and coach hire.	1000

Easington Lane & Hetton Club for the Disabled – Contribution towards day trips, meals, transport etc.,	400
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Total	5740
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HOUGHTON WARD

YMCA Herrington Burn – Contribution towards educational trip to Prague.	500
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Houghton Rugby Club Junior Section – Contribution towards coaching courses.	500
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Total	1000
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SHINEY ROW WARD

1st Herrington Scout Group – Purchase of projector and screen.	500
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St. Aidan's Community Group – Contribution towards decoration for Mother & Toddler group.	500
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All Saints Parish Church – Contribution towards overhaul of historic organ.	1000
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St. Oswald's Parish Church Hall – Contribution towards renewing windows, tables, chairs etc.,	1000
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Herrington Community Trust – Purchase of equipment, transport costs, etc for weekly art classes.	1000
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Penshaw Catholic Women's Guild – Contribution towards Christmas dinner.	500
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YMCA Herrington Burn – Contribution towards educational trip to Prague.	500
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Friends of West Herrington – Contribution towards landscape works.	416
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Total	5416
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Total of Projects	15,956
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