

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

**2.0 Description of Decision**

- 2.1** The Committee is requested to approve all 11 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:

Copt Hill	£5205
Hetton	£10745
Houghton	£7096
Shiney Row	£7916

- 4.2** The projects listed on Annex 1 total:

Copt Hill	£3659
Hetton	£600
Houghton	£1225
Shiney Row	£2400

- 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:

Copt Hill	£1742
Hetton	£5806
Houghton	£6418
Shiney Row	£3824

## **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 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2008.

## COMMUNITY CHEST 2008/2009

## PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL

	<b>Recommended Grant subject to final estimates, invoices, up to:</b>
<b>COPT HILL WARD</b>	
<b>Houghton Racecourse Community Access Point –</b> Purchase of Nintendo console and games.	784
<b>St. Michael's &amp; All Angels Parish Church –</b> Purchase of storage cupboard and stackable chairs.	2500
<b>Houghton Round Table –</b> Contribution towards festival costs.	375
<b>Total</b>	<b>3659</b>
<b>HETTON WARD</b>	
<b>East Rainton Neighbourhood Watch &amp; Village Action Group –</b> Contribution towards Christmas projects, cards, gifts etc.,	600
<b>Total</b>	<b>600</b>
<b>HOUGHTON WARD</b>	
<b>Houghton Town Bowling Club –</b> Contribution towards replacement of electrical equipment and lighting.	850
<b>Houghton Round Table –</b> Contribution towards festival costs.	375
<b>Total</b>	<b>1225</b>
<b>SHINEY ROW WARD</b>	
<b>St. Oswald's Ladies Club –</b> Contribution towards social activities, transport, entertainment, refreshments etc.,	400
<b>New Herrington Workmens Bowling Club –</b> Contribution towards turf maintenance.	500
<b>New Penshaw Primary School –</b> Purchase of laptops and equipment.	1000

<b>Shiney Row and Resource Project</b> – Contribution towards purchase of equipment, marketing etc.,	250
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<b>Houghton Round Table</b> – Contribution towards festival costs.	250
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<b>Total</b>	<b>2400</b>
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<b>Total of Projects</b>	<b>7884</b>
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