

**STRATEGIC INITIATIVES BUDGET :
2008/2009 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 20 recommendations relating to the 2008/2009 Community Chest Scheme.

2.0 Description of Decision

- 2.1** The Committee is requested to approve all 20 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	£3800
Hetton	£5740
Houghton	£1000
Shiney Row	£5416

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

Copt Hill	£1405
Hetton	£5005
Houghton	£6096
Shiney Row	£2500

- 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	£5401
Hetton	£6406
Houghton	£7643
Shiney Row	£6224

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 20th August, 2008.

COMMUNITY CHEST 2008/2009

PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL

	Recommended Grant subject to final estimates, invoices, up to:
COPT HILL WARD	
Houghton & District Pensioners Association – Contribution towards social activities, transport, refreshments, entertainment etc.,	450
Eppleton Durham Gala Fund – Contribution towards band hire, transport etc.,	455
Princess Gardens Community Centre – Contribution towards Christmas meal and transport.	500
Total	1405
HETTON WARD	
Houghton & Hetton Tuesday Group – Contribution towards travel costs for day trips.	500
Easington Lane Community Access Point – Contribution towards crèche costs, equipment, promotional events etc.,	850
Elemore Colliery Banner Group – Contribution towards transport and catering.	400
Hetton-le-Hole Ladies Group – Contribution towards Christmas party.	700
Hetton New Dawn Project – Contribution towards start up costs, office equipment etc.,	500
Hetton Park Bowls Club – Contribution towards social activities, meal, entertainment etc.,	500
Hetton As A Learning Community – Contribution towards catering, disco, transport, venue hire etc.,	500
Nidderdale Community Centre – Contribution towards meal, Christmas outing etc.,	600

Eppleton Durham Gala Fund – Contribution towards band hire, transport etc.,	455
Total	5005

HOUGHTON WARD

Kepier Trust – Purchase of woodwork machinery.	1309
Burnside Community Development – Contribution towards school holiday activities.	1837
St. Michael's & All Angels Parish Church – Purchase of chairs, storage cupboards etc.,	2500
Houghton & District Pensioners Association – Contribution towards social activities, transport, refreshments, entertainment etc.,	450
Total	6096

SHINEY ROW WARD

New Herrington Miner's Banner Partnership – Contribution towards band costs and transport.	1000
Penshaw Braves – Purchase of equipment and football fees.	500
Monument View – Contribution towards training in 'White Water Safety' and Rescue.	500
Community Integrated Care – Purchase of shrubs, gravel, tubs, garden furniture for sensory garden.	500
Total	2500

Total of Projects	15,006
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