

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

2.0 Description of Decision

- 2.1** The Committee is requested to approve all 7 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:

Barnes	£6575
Pallion	£4430
Sandhill	£1840
St. Anne's	£4657

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

Barnes	£959
Pallion	£0
Sandhill	£2045
St. Anne's	£123

- 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:

Barnes	£6487
Pallion	£11088
Sandhill	£19347
St. Anne's	£7897

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 17th September, 2008.

COMMUNITY CHEST 2008/2009

PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL

	Recommended Grant subject to final estimates, invoices, up to:
BARNES WARD	
Women's Circle & Services Ladies Bowling Club – Contribution towards refurbishment of kitchen area, sink, seating, extractor fan, window etc.,	784
Men's Probus Club - Contribution towards social activities, day trips etc.,	175
Total	959
SANDHILL WARD	
Grindon Mill Bowling Club – Contribution towards top soil, lawn seed etc.,	750
Sunderland Table Tennis Club – Contribution towards trophies, refreshments, rent etc.,	220
Greenside Court Residents – Contribution towards trips, Christmas parties, entertainment etc.,	575
Sunderland Pensioners Association – Contribution towards social events for the members, trips etc.,	500
Total	2045
ST. ANNE'S WARD	
The Tansy Centre – Contribution towards Halloween Party, disco hire, decorations, room hire etc.,	123
Total	123
Total of Projects	3127