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 25 recommendations relating to the 2009/2010 Community Chest Scheme.

2.0 Description of Decision

2.1 The Committee is requested to approve all 25 proposals for support from the 2009/10 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 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 To date approvals for each Ward total:

Doxford	£1400
Hendon	£3884
Millfield	£4975
Ryhope	£2000
St. Michael's	£1816

4.2 The projects listed on Annex 1 total:

Doxford	£2500
Hendon	£5275
Millfield	£2950
Ryhope	£0000
St. Michael's	£2045

4.3 Should the Committee grant the requests listed on Annex 1 the remaining balances, including the unclaimed allocations identifies from previous years, would be:

Doxford	£8935
Hendon	£1091
Millfield	£2607
Ryhope	£10,708
St. Michael's	£7709

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.

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 16th June, 2009.

COMMUNITY CHEST 2009/2010

PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL

DOXFORD WARD	Recommended Grant subject to final estimates, invoices, up
Friends of Doxford Park – Contribution towards events throughout the year and purchase of equipment.	to: 2500
Total	2500
HENDON WARD	
Young Mum's Project – Contribution towards culture trip to London, transport, fares etc.,	450
Older People's Project – Contribution towards a number of day trips.	300
Barley Mow Bowling Club – Contribution towards celebratory bowls matches, refreshments, prizes etc.,	250
Hudson Dock Boating Club – Purchase of anchor chain and hire of crane.	1500
East End & Hendon Family Fishing Club – Purchase of fishing equipment.	600
East End & Hendon Vets F.C. – Purchase of football and 1 st Aid equipment.	500
Beaumont Lodge – Contribution towards exercise activities for the elderly.	300
Six Streets Residents Association – Contribution towards trips for 300 adults and children.	1000
The Mayor's Fund – Contribution towards needy children.	100
Sunderland Empire Stage Experience – Contribution towards 5 places for young people to receive tuition for vocal & dance workshops.	75
Sunderland Remembrance Day Parade Steering Group Contribution towards parade expenses, bands, refreshments etc.,	100

Bidders for Bede – Contribution towards new notice boards and printing of calendars.	100
Total	5275
MILLFIELD WARD	
Diamond Hall Parent & Toddler Group – Contribution towards outing to farm.	250
St. Joseph's F.C. – Contribution towards CRB checks, fees etc.,	500
Sunderland St. Joseph's Brownie Pack – Contribution towards fees etc.,	500
Deptford Homing Society – Purchase of baskets.	500
Millfield Arts & Craft Circle – Contribution towards room hire etc.,	350
Millie Minders – Contribution towards trips, social activities etc.,	250
St. Mark's C.A. - Contribution towards activity day, stalls, refreshments, face painting etc.,	500
Sunderland Remembrance Day Parade Steering Group Contribution towards parade expenses, bands, refreshments etc.,	100
Total	2950
ST. MICHAEL'S WARD	
32nd Sunderland St. George's Brownies – Contribution towards pack holiday and entertainment.	445
St. Michael's Ward Resident's Association – Contribution towards launch of neighbourhood programme, leaflets, equipment, stationery etc.,	1000
Sunderland Remembrance Day Parade Steering Group Contribution towards parade expenses, bands, refreshments etc.,	100
Music for All – Purchase of musical equipment and promotions .	500
Total	2045
Total of Projects	12,770