Coalfield Area Committee **12th March, 2009**

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:

Copt Hill	£8864
Hetton	£12845
Houghton	£9821
Shiney Row	£12816

4.2 The projects listed on Annex 1 total:

Copt Hill	£1211
Hetton	£2019
Houghton	£490
Shiney Row	£0000

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	£531
Hetton	£2287
Houghton	£4428
Shiney Row	£1324

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 18th February, 2008.

ANNEX 1

COMMUNITY CHEST 2008/2009

PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL

	Recommended Grant subject to final estimates, invoices, up to:
HOUGHTON WARD	
Friends of Houghton Hillside Cemetery – Contribution towards Kepier Hall, lunch and transport (split with Copt Hill ward)	400
Northumbria Police – To purchase crime prevention products for more vulnerable members of the community	90
Total	**490**
HETTON WARD	
111 Sunderland Squadron – Contribution towards purchase of kit	269
Age Concern – Contribution towards buffet and entertainment	250
Hetton School – Contribution towards production of a DVD on anti-bullying	1500
Total	**2019**
COPT HILL WARD	
Houghton Racecourse Community Access – Repair to glass panel in lift door	811
Friends of Houghton Hillside Cemetery – Contribution towards Kepier Hall, lunch and transport (split with Houghton ward)	400
Total	**1211**
Total of Projects	**3720**