

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

2.0 Description of Decision

- 2.1** The Committee is requested to approve all 15 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:

Hendon	£2450
Millfield	£1935
Ryhope	£4800
St. Michael's	£1564

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

Hendon	£1988
Millfield	£1600
Ryhope	£788
St. Michael's	£2519

- 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:

Hendon	£7062
Millfield	£6938
Ryhope	£9807
St. Michael's	£10,259

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 Monday 23rd June, 2008.

COMMUNITY CHEST 2008/2009

PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL

	Recommended Grant subject to final estimates, invoices, up to:
HENDON WARD	
Sunderland Centre for the Voluntary Services – Contribution towards workshops.	688
Beaumont Lodge Social Club – Contribution towards social activities.	500
Beaumont Lodge - Contribution towards exercise classes.	700
Rotary Clubs of Sunderland District – Contribution towards children's performance at the Sunderland Empire.	100
Total	1988
MILLFIELD WARD	
Deptford Homing Society – Purchase of new baskets.	1000
Carisbrooke Court Residents – Contribution towards transport, crockery, pans etc.,	300
Deptford & Millfield C.A. – Contribution towards day trips, coach hire etc.,	300
Total	1600
RYHOPE WARD	
Rotary Clubs of Sunderland District – Contribution towards children's performance at the Sunderland Empire.	100
Sunderland Centre for the Voluntary Services – Contribution towards workshops.	688
Total	788
ST. MICHAEL'S WARD	
Sunderland Centre for the Voluntary Services – Contribution towards workshops.	687

Monday Afternoon Club – Contribution towards Christmas lunch.	252
No. 3 Inner Wheel – Contribution towards purchase of flowers, staging, printing, publicity etc.,	80
Sunderland Empire Stage Experience - Contribution towards production costs for children throughout the City.	340
Feline Friends – Contribution towards rescue costs.	160
‘Music for All’ – Purchase of music, repairs, festival fees etc.,	1000
Total	2519
 Total of Projects	 6895