

**STRATEGIC INITIATIVES BUDGET :
2008/2009 WARD-BASED COMMUNITY CHEST**

Report of the Chief Executive (Designate)

1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to bring forward 3 recommendations relating to the 2008/2009 Community Chest Scheme.

2.0 Description of Decision

- 2.1** The Committee is requested to approve all 3 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	£11345
Houghton	£8321
Shiney Row	£12816

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

Copt Hill	£0000
Hetton	£0000
Houghton	£1500
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	£1742
Hetton	£5806
Houghton	£4918
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 17th December, 2008.

COMMUNITY CHEST 2008/2009**PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL**

	Recommended Grant subject to final estimates, invoices, up to:
HOUGHTON WARD	
Newbottle Primary School – Contribution towards sports coaching and equipment for after school clubs.	500
Sunderland Orphanage and Educational Foundation – Contribution towards helping disadvantaged children, shoes, clothes etc.,	500
Sunderland Women's F.C. – Contribution towards pitch fees etc.,	500
Total	1500
Total of Projects	1500