

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

Report of the Chief Executive (Acting)

1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to bring forward 16 recommendations relating to the 2008/2009 Community Chest Scheme.

2.0 Description of Decision

- 2.1** The Committee is requested to approve the 16 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:

Doxford	£6977
Silksworth	£6352
St. Chad's	£4475

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

Doxford	£2500
Silksworth	£0000
St. Chad's	£3672

- 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:

Doxford	£3655
Silksworth	£3648
St. Chad's	£2321

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 the panel meeting held on Monday 13th October, 2008.

COMMUNITY CHEST 2008/2009

PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL

	<i>Recommended Grant subject to final estimates, invoices, up to £:</i>
DOXFORD WARD	
South Area Parent Support Group – Contribution towards dishwasher and flooring.	700
Doxford Park Forum – Contribution towards Christmas dinner, gifts, raffle prizes etc.,	500
‘Music for All’ – Purchase of music, repairs, festival fees etc.,	200
Sunderland Remembrance Day Steering Group – Contribution towards expenses.	100
The Box Youth Project – Purchase of Nintendo, dance mat, games etc.,	1000
Total	2500
ST. CHAD’S WARD	
Sunderland Remembrance Day Steering Group – Contribution towards expenses.	100
2nd Herrington Scout Group – Contribution towards purchase of new fire extinguishers.	300
St. Chad’s Ward – Purchase of 3 trees and bulbs.	750
Farringdon Resident’s Association – Contribution towards disco, catering, prizes etc.,	500
Middle Herrington Methodist Church Hall – Purchase of tables.	522
Friends of Oakfield House – Contribution towards social activities, lunch, entertainment etc.,	500
Farringdon Jubilee Centre – Contribution towards Christmas Grotto, activities, refreshments etc.,	500
Middle Herrington Park – Purchase of 2 trees.	300
Sunderland Antiquarian Society – Purchase of map chest, web site facilities, photocopier etc.,	100
Multiple Sclerosis Society – Contribution towards transport for day trips.	20

Sunderland Orphanage & Educational Foundation – Contribution towards helping disadvantaged children and young people, clothes, shoes etc.,	100
Total	3672
Total of Projects	6172