

## Report to the Cabinet

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 13 July 2017

### Report of the Head of Service, Legal and Democratic Services

#### Part I

Electoral Division affected:  
Burnley Central East;  
Burnley Central West;  
Burnley North East; Burnley  
Rural; Burnley South West;

### Recommendation of the Edward Stocks Massey Bequest Fund Joint Advisory (Appendix 'A' refers)

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#### Executive Summary

Consideration of the recommendations of the Edwards Stocks Massey Bequest  
Fund JAC.

#### Recommendation

The Cabinet is recommended to approve the recommendations of the Joint Advisory  
Committee from its meeting on 23 June 2017 as set out below:

- (i) The following allocation of funds in 2017/2018 (details set out at  
Appendix 'A'):

	£
Lancashire County Council	15,500
Burnley Borough Council	15,500
Burnley Mechanics Trust Allocation	5,000
Individuals and Voluntary Organisations	8,540
Higher Education Student Support Scholarship Awards	7,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>51,540</b>

- (ii) In respect of the Higher Education Student Scholarship Awards, the interview  
panel of the JAC be authorised to award the scholarships at its meeting on 22  
December 2017.

## **Background and Advice**

The Edwards Stocks Massey Bequest Fund was established by the will of the late Edward Stocks Massey dated 3 March 1910. The Massey family were cotton manufacturers in the Burnley area and later brewers and founders of the Massey Brewery in Burnley. Edward was born at Hawks House in Brierfield and had a keen interest in music and was a choirmaster of St Luke's Church in Brierfield. Edward died childless in 1909 and bequeathed to the town of Burnley the sum of £135,000.

The objects of the Charity are the provision of Education (whether mental, physical, technical, or artistic) and the advancements of science, learning, music or other arts for the inhabitants of Burnley. Funding for the relief of rates is not allowed.

During 1989 the Mechanics Institution Trust Fund was incorporated in the Stocks Massey Bequest. Income generated each year is to be used to fund special projects in Burnley Mechanics, Burnley's premier Arts and Entertainment Centre, of an educational nature.

There is currently a Stocks Massey Music Library to which money is allocated and money is also allocated to the Towneley Hall Art Gallery for the acquisition and restoration of works of art.

Monies are allocated each year, subject to funding, to individuals and organisations in Burnley, Burnley Borough Council projects, and Lancashire County Council projects in Burnley and also students from three further education establishments in Burnley are awarded scholarships for their courses at university.

In 1972 the Charity Commissioners ruled that the responsibility for the distribution of the scheme passed to Lancashire County Council under the provision of the Local Government Act 1972. This responsibility could not legally be shared with Burnley Borough Council but they had no objections to Burnley Borough Council being consulted about the preparation of the scheme.

At that time a Joint Advisory Committee (JAC) was set up consisting two members of the then Education Committee and one member of the then Library and Leisure Committee from Lancashire County Council and two members from Burnley Borough Council. Their purpose was to propose draft schemes for allocation of the Trust's annual income which would then be submitted to the Trustees and the then Education and Library and Leisure Committees for approval. It was also suggested that a working party of officers be set up to give preliminary consideration to applications for grants in order to prevent the requests for financial assistance exceeding the amount of income available. The JAC is now made up of three councillors nominated by the County Council and two councillors nominated by Burnley Borough Council.

Applications are considered by the JAC and a report to Cabinet is prepared with the recommendations agreed by the JAC. Following their decision Burnley Borough Council will notify the applicants.

A panel of the JAC also meets in December each year to interview the candidates for the student awards.

### **Consultations**

The JAC at its meeting on 23 June 2017.

### **Implications:**

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

### **Risk management**

Failure to agree the recommendations of this report will delay the allocation of monies to individuals and organisation.

### **List of Background Papers**

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
None		
Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate		
N/A		