

Report to the Cabinet

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 9 July 2020

Report of the Head of Service - Legal and Democratic Services

Part I

Electoral Divisions affected:
Burnley Central East; Burnley
Central West; Burnley North
East; Burnley Rural; Burnley
South West; Padiham and
Burnley West;

Recommendations of the Edward Stocks Massey Bequest Fund Joint Advisory Committee

(Appendix 'A' refers)

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Executive Summary

Consideration of the recommendations of the Edward Stocks Massey Bequest Fund Joint Advisory Committee.

Recommendation

Cabinet is asked to:

- (i) Approve the allocation of funds as recommended by the Joint Advisory Committee at its meeting on 12 June 2020 as set out at Appendix 'A'.
- (ii) In respect of the Higher Education Student Scholarship Awards, approve that the interview panel of the Joint Advisory Committee be authorised to award the scholarships at its meeting on 18 December 2020.

Background and Advice

The Edward Stocks Massey Bequest Fund was established by the will of the late Edward Stocks Massey in 1910, in order to fund 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.

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

The fund awards approximately £51,045 each year to projects, individuals and organisations in the Burnley area. There are five categories of award:

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| • Projects proposed by Lancashire County Council | £15,500 |
| • Projects proposed by Burnley Borough Council | £15,500 |
| • Burnley Mechanics Institute | £5,000 |
| • Individuals and Voluntary Organisations | £8,045 |
| • University Scholarships for two students | £7,000 |

For the first four categories, applications are first assessed by officers to ensure they meet the criteria, and are then considered by a Joint Advisory Committee made up of three County Councillors, representing electoral divisions in Burnley, and two Burnley Borough Councillors in the presence of the Trustees. The Joint Advisory Committee's recommendations are then presented to the county council's Cabinet for final approval.

The proposed awards for 2020/21 are set out at Appendix 'A'.

For the student scholarship awards, a panel of the Committee meets in December and conducts interviews of the candidates. It is proposed that Cabinet approves that the interview panel be authorised to approve these awards.

Consultations

The Joint Advisory Committee at its meeting on 12 June 2020.

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 organisations.

List of Background Papers

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