

Report to the Cabinet

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 8 July 2021

Report of the Head of 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;

Recommendation 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 22 June 2021 as set out at Appendix 'A';
- (ii) Approve the provisional award of £950 to part fund Holly Grove School for the Roots and Leaves project subject to the Joint Advisory Committee being satisfied with the arrangements for the outstanding project costs; and
- (iii) 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 17 December 2021.

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.

For 2021/2022, the fund is awarding five categories, which are:

- Projects proposed by Lancashire County Council £10,000
- Projects proposed by Burnley Borough Council £10,000
- Burnley Mechanics Institute £3,000
- Individuals and Voluntary Organisations £8,000
- 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 2021/22 are set out at Appendix 'A'.

With regard to the provisional award of £950 to Holly Grove School, the Joint Advisory Committee noted that the application was for the full amount of the project. As the Committee were unable to provide the full amount of funding, the award was provisional subject to satisfactory assurances from the applicant that either the full remaining funding was in place, or that the project could be operated at a smaller scale. If the applicant is unable to provide this assurance by 23 July 2021, then the provisional award will be withdrawn, and the money returned to the Stocks Massey Fund and added onto the Individuals and Voluntary Organisations allocation for 2022/2023.

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 22 June 2021.

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	insert date	insert details
Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate		
N/A		