

**Report to the Cabinet**

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 11 July 2024

**Report of the Director of Law and Governance**

**Part I**

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

**Corporate Priorities:**  
Delivering better services;  
Caring for the vulnerable;  
Supporting economic growth;  
Protecting our environment;

**Recommendation of the Edward Stocks Massey Bequest Fund Joint Advisory Committee**

(Appendices 'A' and 'B' refer)

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**Brief Summary**

Consideration of the recommendations of the Edward Stocks Massey Bequest Fund Joint Advisory Committee. A review has been undertaken of its Terms of Reference, and proposals are now presented to the Cabinet to consider.

**Recommendation**

Cabinet is asked to approve:

- (i) The allocation of funds as recommended by the Joint Advisory Committee at its meeting on 14 June 2024 as set out at Appendix 'A'.
- (ii) In respect of the Higher Education Student Scholarship Awards, that the interview panel of the Joint Advisory Committee be authorised to award the scholarships at its meeting on 30 August 2024.
- (iii) Edward Stocks Massey Joint Advisory Committee's revised Terms of



Reference as set out at Appendix 'B'.

## Detail

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

The fund awards between £40,000 and £50,000 each year to projects, individuals and organisations in the Burnley area. There are five categories of award for 2024/25:

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| • Projects proposed by Lancashire County Council | £11,700 |
| • Projects proposed by Burnley Borough Council   | £11,700 |
| • Burnley Mechanics Institute                    | £ 3,600 |
| • Individuals and Voluntary Organisations        | £ 9,000 |
| • University Scholarships for two students       | £ 7,000 |

**Total for 2024/2025                    £43,000**

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 2024/25 are set out at Appendix 'A'.

For the student scholarship awards, a panel of the Committee will meet in August and conduct interviews of the candidates. It is proposed that Cabinet approves that the interview panel be authorised to approve these awards.

To ensure that the Committee maintains its focus and continues its positive work, a review has been undertaken of its Terms of Reference. These were discussed and considered by the Edward Stocks Massey Joint Advisory Committee at its meeting on 14 June 2024, and the proposed Terms of Reference, as set out at Appendix 'B', are a result of those considerations.

The amendments are as follows:

## Scheme of Allocation

4. Late applications will not be considered after the closing date. This information to be placed on the application form advertised in the press for the notice of all applicants.



9. For the meeting to be quorate there must be one County Councillor and one Borough Councillor present.

### **Student Awards**

5. Students must inform the Trustees to any change in circumstances including, but not exclusive to change, termination and temporary suspension of the course for which the Bequest was granted.
6. Trustees and Elected Members retain the right to request the return of Grant monies with regards to Point 5 of Student Awards.

### **Appendices**

Appendices 'A' and 'B' are attached to this report. For clarification they are summarised below and referenced at relevant points within this report.

<b>Appendix</b>	<b>Title</b>
Appendix 'A'	Edwards Stocks Massey Bequest Fund – Scheme of Allocation 2024/2025
Appendix 'B'	Constitution and Terms of Reference

### **Consultations**

The Joint Advisory Committee at its meeting on 14 June 2024.

### **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.

### **Legal**

The necessary agreements will be drawn up by Burnley Borough Council in consultation with the county council to ensure that the relevant safeguards are present prior to the award of grant funding to any individual or organisation.

### **List of Background Papers**

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

