

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
Date of Decision:	20 January 2017
Decision Title:	Evelyn Mace Educational Trust Scholarships – 2016/17 academic year
Decision Reference:	8045
Report From:	Director of Corporate Resources – Corporate Services

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper is to set out options for consideration by the Executive Member for Policy and Resources, due to the likely oversubscription of Evelyn Mace Educational Trust scholarships in future years.
- 1.2 Details have also been provided of proposed new scholarship awards for nine applicants amounting to £3,600 for the 2016/17 academic year.
- 1.3 The background and terms of the Trust are set out in section 2.

2. Contextual information

- 2.1 In 1999 the Evelyn Mace Educational Trust was established following a bequest received by the County Council from Mrs Evelyn Mace, a former head teacher and Winchester School Governor. The net yearly income of the trust is to be applied by the County Council for the advancement of education through the award of scholarships, bursaries or similar financial assistance to students under the age of 25 years resident in Hampshire.
- 2.2 At that time, it was agreed by the County Council's former Charities Panel and the Community and Conservation Committee that the most efficient way of using the Trust would be to establish two types of annual scholarship:
 - Evelyn Mace Drama Scholarships for students due to start a drama or poetry course of Higher Education
 - Evelyn Mace Scholarships to be made to students formerly in the care of Hampshire County Council in order for them to pursue a course of Higher Education.

3. Awards for 2016/17

- 3.1 The Trust's annual income is estimated at £4,000 for 2016/17. This annual income along with any surplus income from previous years will fund scholarship awards for both continuing students, agreed in previous years, as well as new awards approved.
- 3.2 Successful applicants who were formerly in the care of the County Council, are currently awarded £400 per year. For 2016/17, nine scholarship applications have been received, compared with only one award in 2015/16 (total annual value £400).
- 3.3 There have been no applications received this year for drama and poetry courses.
- 3.4 Below is a list of the proposed students requesting funding for 2016/17.

Evelyn Mace Scholarships - £400 per student

(For further details, please refer to Appendix 1)

- Student A – 2 years
- Student B – 2 Years
- Student C – 2 Years
- Student D – 1 Year
- Student E – 3 Years
- Student F – 1 Year
- Student G – 1 Year
- Student H – 3 Years
- Student I – 3 Years

In view of the eligibility criteria for these awards, the students are not identified.

- 3.5 In addition to these proposals a further £4,200 will be provided in relation to continuing students who were awarded a scholarship in previous years. This will result in a total award of £7,800 being made during 2016/17. The total awards proposed (£7,800) in this paper, however exceeds the annual income received (£4,000).
- 3.6 This shortfall can be met from the cash surplus of £4,384 that has been accumulated to date and therefore it is recommended that all of the requests for 2016/17 are approved.

4. Future Awards

- 4.1 In previous years, all requests for awards have been agreed utilising the available funding plus any required top up from the Leader's grant budget.
- 4.2 If the recommendations for the 2016/17 awards are approved, the cumulative surplus at the end of 2016/17 will be reduced to £584. This

would make any new scholarships unaffordable for 2017/18 as it results in a commitment of £4,350 for existing awards against available funds of £4,584.

- 4.3 Given the history of the fund, there has never been any need to assess applicants other than to check their eligibility to receive an award and no limit has ever been placed on the number of applications each year. Given the financial situation going forward, there are 3 options that could be considered:
- Limit the number of awards given each year and introduce criteria for assessing the applicants.
 - Reduce the value of the awards to a lesser amount (although this still could result in oversubscription)
 - Commit to funding any shortfalls from the Leader's grant budget in the short term.
- 4.4 Given the nature of the awards and the relatively few applications that have been traditionally received it would not seem appropriate to either limit the number or value of the awards. Introducing an assessment process would also add significant administration to the scheme.
- 4.5 In the longer term this trust is one of the funds that may be considered for transfer to the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Community Foundation as outlined in a previous report to EMPR and therefore in the interim period the Executive Member is recommended to continue to support the awards through use of the Leader's grant budget.

5. Recommendations

The Executive Member for Policy and Resources is recommended to :

- 5.1 Approve all of the 9 awards outlined in this report
- 5.2 Agree to support the cost of existing and new awards in 2017/18 and beyond from the Leader's grant budget.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**Links to the Corporate Strategy**

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	No
Corporate Business plan link number (if appropriate):	
Maximising well-being:	Yes
Corporate Business plan link number (if appropriate):	
Enhancing our quality of place:	No
Corporate Business plan link number (if appropriate):	

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Date</u>
Evelyn Mace Educational Trust Scholarship	6249	12.12.14
Evelyn Mace Educational Trust Scholarship	5297	12.12.13
Evelyn Mace Educational Trust Scholarship	4370	13.12.12
Evelyn Mace Educational Trust Scholarship	3308	27.10.11
Evelyn Mace Educational Trust Scholarship	2093	28.10.10
Evelyn Mace Educational Trust Scholarship	941	19.10.09
Evelyn Mace Educational Trust Scholarship	338	16.10.08
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

DocumentLocation

None

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equality Duty

1.1. The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Act;
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, gender and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:

- 1.2. The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant characteristic connected to that characteristic;
- 1.3. Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- 1.4. Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

1.5. Equalities Impact Assessment:

See guidance at <http://intranet.hants.gov.uk/equality/equality-assessments.htm>
Inset in full your *Equality Statement* which will either state

- (a) *why you consider that the project/proposal will have a low or no impact on groups with protected characteristics*

Equality objectives are not considered to be adversely affected by the proposals of this report.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

- 2.1 Crime and disorder objectives are not considered to be adversely affected by the proposals of this report.

3. Climate Change:

- a) How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption? No impact
- b) How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?
 - No impact

Evelyn Mace Educational Trust and Scholarship

Recommended Applicants who were formerly in the care of the County Council.

Name	Age	University	Course	Course Length	Start Date	Amount
Student A*	22	University of Chichester	BSc Sport and Exercise Science	2 Years	Sep- 15**	£400
Student B*	21	Southampton Solent University	Business Management	2 Years	Sep- 15**	£400
Student C*	19	Sparsholt College	BSc Equine Studies	2 Years	Sep- 15**	£400
Student D*	19	Loughborough University	Graphic Communication	1 Year	Oct- 16	£400
Student E*	20	University of Hull	Youth Work and Community Development	3 Years	Sep- 16	£400
Student F*	22	University of Brighton	Aeronautical Engineering	1 Year	Sep- 13	£400
Student G*	21	Performance Preparation Academy	Professional Diploma in Musical Theatre	1 Year	Sep- 14***	£400
Student H*	19	Southampton Solent University	BA (Hons) Popular Music Journalism	3 Years	Sep- 16	£400
Student I*	21	University of Portsmouth	BA (Hons) Illustration	3 Years	Sep- 15**	£400

* NB: in view of the eligibility criteria for these awards, the students are not identified, details are available on request.

** Application submitted on the second year of student's study.

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