

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

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| Decision Maker: | Executive Member for Policy and Resources |
| Date of Decision: | 13 December 2012 |
| Decision Title: | Evelyn Mace Educational Trust Scholarships – 2012/13 academic year |
| Decision Reference: | 4370 |
| Report From: | Director of Corporate Resources – Corporate Services |

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. The purpose of this paper is to seek approval from the Executive Member for Policy and Resources for the payment of nine scholarship awards which are recommended based on the provisions of the Evelyn Mace Educational Trust.
- 1.2. The proposed scholarship awards amount to £3,300 for the 2012/13 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.

2.3. It should be noted that the Children's Services Department is evaluating the option to combine the Evelyn Mace Educational Trust with the Hampshire Old Industrial and Reformatory Schools Trust fund (HOIRST). HOIRST shares some of the aims of the Evelyn Mace Education Trust with regard to providing support to furthering the educational achievement of Hampshire's care leavers. Combining the two trusts could enhance the process of allocation and deliver administrative efficiencies. The organisational and legal implications of the change are currently under exploration and will be reported in due course.

3. Finance

- 3.1. The Trust's annual income is estimated at approximately £5,500 for 2012/13. This funds scholarship awards for both continuing students agreed in previous years as well as new awards approved.
- 3.2. The income received in 2011/12 was lower than in previous years and it is expected that it will remain at this lower level for the foreseeable future. The total awards recommended in this paper, combined with ongoing awards from previous years, exceeds the total income available. However, it is possible to meet the excess from a cash surplus of around £8,000 that had accumulated up until 2005/06. It should be noted that this is not sustainable and it would be necessary to seek additional funding from the Policy and Resources grant budget by 2014/15 (the third year of these proposed awards) of up to £4,500 per year to continue to support awards at this level in coming years. Alternatively a lower level of award could be offered to ensure sustainability, but it is felt that this would erode the value of the scheme.
- 3.3. It is recommended that for applications received from young people who were formerly in the care of the County Council the award should remain at £400 per year. For 2012/13 seven scholarship awards are recommended (at a total value £2,800), compared with six awards of which four were claimed in 2011/12 (total annual value £1,600).
- 3.4. It is proposed that the award for drama and poetry students should remain at £250 per year. For 2012/13 two scholarship awards are recommended (at a total value of £500), compared with five awards of which four were claimed in 2011/12 (total annual value £1000).
- 3.5. The following recommendations are made for new awards totalling £3,300. Further details can be found in Appendix 1.

Evelyn Mace Scholarships¹ - £400 per student

Student A – 4 years

Student B – 3 years

¹ In view of the eligibility criteria for these awards, the students are not identified. Details are available on request.

Student C – 4 years

Student D – 4 years

Student E – 4 years

Student F – 4 years

Student G – 3 years

Evelyn Mace Drama Scholarships - £250 per student

Lia Morrison – 3 years

Laurence Cristofoli – 3 years

3.6. In addition to these proposals a further £4,800 will be provided in relation to continuing students who were awarded a scholarship in previous years. This proposal will, therefore, result in a total award of £8,100 being made during 2012/13.

4. Recommendations

4.1. That new scholarship awards totalling £3,300 for the 2012/13 academic year will be awarded to the individuals for the amounts outlined in Appendix 1, subject to the applicants providing the necessary confirmation of attendance from their college or university.

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

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| 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

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| Links to previous Member decisions: | | |
| <u>Title</u> | <u>Reference</u> | <u>Date</u> |
| 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> | |
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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.)

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| <u>Document</u> | <u>Location</u> |
| None | |

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equalities Impact Assessment:

- 1.1. Equality and diversity 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

| Name | Age | University | Course | Course Length | Start Date | Amount |
|---------------------|-----|---|---------------------------------------|---------------|------------|--------|
| Student A* | 19 | University of Kent | BSC Physics | 4 years | Sep-12 | £400 |
| Student B* | 19 | University of Central Lancashire | BA Hons Fine Art | 3 years | Sep-11 | £400 |
| Student C* | 21 | Kingston University | BA Hons Business Management | 4 years | Sep-11 | £400 |
| Student D* | 19 | University of Southampton | MChem Chemistry | 4 years | Sep-12 | £400 |
| Student E* | 18 | University of Portsmouth | BA Hons Accounting | 4 years | Sep-12 | £400 |
| Student F* | 21 | Kingston University | BMus Music | 4 years | Sep-12 | £400 |
| Student G* | 18 | Winchester University | BSc Health, Community and Social Care | 3 years | Sep-12 | £400 |
| Lia Morrison | 18 | Goldsmiths College, University of Greenwich | BA Hons Drama & Theatre Arts | 3 years | Sep-12 | £250 |
| Laurence Cristofoli | 18 | University of Winchester | BA Hons Performing Arts | 3 years | Sep-12 | £250 |

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