

# THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL

## EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORT COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting of the Duncraig Trust Scheme Sub Committee held in Committee Room No 5, Council Headquarters, Glenurquhart Road, Inverness on Wednesday 3 September 2008 at 10.30 am.

### PRESENT

Mr W Fernie  
Mrs J Urquhart  
Dr A Sinclair

Mr A M Millar  
Mrs I Campbell  
Mr R Greene

### Officials in attendance:

Mr R MacKenzie, Head of Support Services, Education, Culture and Sport Service  
Mrs J Graham, External Funding Manager, Education, Culture and Sport Service  
Miss J MacLennan, Committee Administrator, Chief Executive's Office

### BUSINESS

#### 1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

#### 2. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC

The Sub Committee **RESOLVED** that, under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the public be excluded from the meeting during discussion of the following item on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

#### 3. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

There had been circulated Report No DTS1/08 by the Director of Education, Culture and Sport providing information about applications for financial assistance under the Duncraig Educational Trust Scheme.

The balance of Trust funds at the end of financial year 2007/08 was £861,547 and, after deducting central support charges, approximately £37,000 was available for disbursement. Awards could be made from two categories, namely, Sports and Arts, Language, Heritage, Science and Environment. In total, 40 applications for funding had been received, 14 of which had been ineligible, and Members were informed that all of the eligible applications had been received from pupils and former pupils of Highland Secondary schools.

Prior to determining the awards the Sub Committee **AGREED**:-

- i. that, to allow all factors to be taken into account for future application rounds, Members be provided, as background material, in electronic format, with copies of the application form and references but with the applicant's name obliterated;
- ii. that, in relation to those who had submitted applications for funding for more than

- one year under both categories, the award of grants be for one year only but applicants be advised that they can reapplying in future years;
- iii. to recommend to the Education, Culture and Sport Committee that the Sub Committee meet to discuss issues surrounding the criteria of the award of grants, such as the provision of funding for supplementary equipment/materials and the minimum level of course eligible, and to report as appropriate; and
  - iv. that a proportion of the residue of funds unspent from the 2008/09 allocation be reinvested into the Trust to ensure its future long term sustainability, the remainder rolling forward for disbursement in next financial year.

Following discussion on the applications submitted, the Sub Committee **AGREED** to make the following awards:-

### **Sports Awards**

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Award</b>
A	£450
B	£817
C	£1,000
D	£1,000
E	£1,000
F	£1,000
G	£945
H	£488
I	£1,000
J	£1,000
K	£1,000
L	£1,000
M	£1,000
N	£1,000
O	£1,000

### **Arts, Language, Heritage, Science and Environment Awards**

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Award</b>
P	£1,000
Q	£1,000
R	£1,000
S	£1,000
T	£1,000
U	£1,000
V	£1,000
W	Refused on the grounds that the equipment for which the grant was sought had no clear relevance to the applicant's course. Furthermore, the level of course being undertaken was not of a sufficiently high level.
X	£532.50 subject to the receipt of the reference from the applicant's former Head Teacher.
Y	Refused on the grounds that it would set an unsustainable precedent for the future.
Z	£500.

The meeting ended at 12.15 pm.