



TODMORDEN TOWN COUNCIL

REPORT TO THE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

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SUBJECT	Richard Naylor Charity and Hepstonstall Exhibitions Charity- Grant Applications

PURPOSE:

1. To present to Members for consideration two grant applications, in amounts of £1,000 each to assist with Educational Awards for students living in Todmorden.
2. To advise Members that given the close association between these Charities in its aim to award grants for educational purposes, it is appropriate to consider these together.
3. To advise Members that whilst grants of these amounts have been awarded before by Todmorden Town Council, the Internal Audit this year challenged the legitimacy of the Purpose being an Educational Award as not either a statutory responsibility of the Town Council, or implied eligible purpose, without the benefit of the Town Council having passed a resolution of General Competency.
4. The Internal Auditor did however comment that should this be awarded under the Mayors Discretionary fund, which falls outside of the auspices of the need for General Competency restrictions, then payment of such an award through this fund would be acceptable.

BACKGROUND:

5. Both Charities have been awarded grants in the past from Todmorden Town Council.
6. Both Charities on an annual basis consider applications for assistance towards further Educational needs and expenses.
7. The Charities are also funded from other sources including Blackshaw, Heptonstall and Wadsworth

8. Both Charities operate across Town/Parish Council borders receiving applications for students in these areas.
9. The actual number of Todmorden students benefitting, depends on who applies, but in receiving feedback last year, the historical context indicates Todmorden residents receive a fair and proportionate share of funding awards granted by these Charities.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

10. The Charity Commission Register indicated that for last year each Charity received an income of £1525 , but spent £2,900 each, Based on an award of £1,000 to each charity, the contribution made by the Charities themselves amount to 35%, which just meets our discretionary Grant Criteria.
11. A view could however be taken that if the Charities were to expend similar amounts this year, as last year, their contribution would be 65%
12. In view of the Internal Auditors comment, the current budget of £2,000 set up under the Education Heading within the Resources budget, will need to be transferred across to the Mayors fund and detailed as a Discretionary Grant Award.

RECOMMENDATION:

13. That Members of the Emergency Committee consider this Grant Application.
14. That if so minded to award these grants, a Resolution is passed to authorise the transfer of budgets to the Mayors Heading by way of Discretionary Grant award.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:

15. The award of grant funds requires Members approval.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

16. The purpose of this grant application meets the criteria as laid out in the Discretionary Grants Policy.

DETAILS OF CONSULTATION:

17. None

SUPPORTING PAPERS

18. Appendix 1a – Richard Naylor Charity Grant application- £1000
Appendix 1b – Heptonstall Exhibitions Charity Grant application - £1000

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