

Agenda Item	10
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HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Committee: Ross and Cromarty Committee

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Report Title: **Educational Trusts**

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1. **Purpose/Executive Summary**

1.1 This paper reports on the key points of work and allocations from The Ross and Cromarty Educational Trust, and The Duncraig Educational Trust throughout 2018-2019 financial year.

2 **Implications**

2.1 Resource - there are no additional resource implications to The Highland Council.
Legal - there are no legal implications.
Community (Equality, Poverty and Rural) - with a refreshed approach to the organisation and administration of the trusts, more young people are able to access funds to support learning and sports.
Climate Change / Carbon Clever - there are no climate change/carbon clever implications.
Risk - there are the usual associated risks of trust funds held in investment accounts, where income varies from year to year.
Gaelic – there are no implications for Gaelic

3. **Recommendations**

3.1 Members are asked to note the contents of the report.

3. Introduction

3.1 At the meeting of the Ross and Cromarty Committee in August 2018, approval was given to modernise the Ross and Cromarty Educational Trust.

4. The Ross and Cromarty Educational Trust Scheme

4.1 Following modernisation of The Ross and Cromarty Educational Trust, grants of £13,550 were paid from a total income of £14,822 in the last financial year. The income is broadly in line with expectations, given the current economic climate.

4.2 Awards were made for a variety of purposes including:

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- £330 to Fortrose Academy for educational travel
 - £200 to Culbokie Primary for promoting drama
 - £200 to Plockton High for educational travel
 - £310 to Tain Royal Academy for prize funds
 - £240 to Dingwall Academy for prize funds
 - £50 to Tarbat Old Primary for prize funds
 - £280 to Conon Bridge Primary for prize funds
 - £2000 to Emily Fox of Fortrose Academy for studies at Cambridge from the Rosehaugh Bursary
 - £1000 to Adam Borland of Tain Royal Academy for studies at St Andrews from the George Macleod and Kenneth Murray Memorial Bursaries
 - £1000 to Emma Hutton of Tain Royal Academy for studies at St Andrews from the George Macleod and Kenneth Murray Memorial Bursaries
 - £7940 to Comhairle nan Eilean Siar for their proportion of trust funds to be administered by that local authority.

4.4 This represents a very considerable improvement where young people are now benefitting from the original trust intentions with most of the annual revenue being used for its intended purposes, rather than simply adding to the capital investment.

4.5 The Duncraig Educational Trust

4.6 The Duncraig Educational Trust review is now underway to improve its investment return. It is expected that proposals will be shared with Ross and Cromarty Committee for approval within the current financial year.

4.7 Income from The Duncraig Educational Trust for 2018-19 amounted to £4,950. A total of £2,200 was awarded to twelve successful applicants to support unique sporting and educational talents. These include:

- £200 to Calum Reid of Plockton to support competitive sailing
- £120 to Lucas Cairns of Fortrose to represent Scotland at cross country running
- £200 to Kirsty Thomson of Inverness to attend the National Youth Choir
- £200 to Malin Wilson of Edinburgh (former Highland pupil) to represent Scotland at Judo
- £200 to Ruairidh Llywelyn Jones of Inverness to support the costs of a specialist music course
- £200 to Jordan McClymont of Inverness to develop sporting and John Muir award through Inverness Royal Academy

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- £200 to Ruairidh McDonald of Aviemore to support costs of a specialist acting course
- £200 to Finn Crockett of Strathpeffer to participate in national running events
- £80 to Caitlin Forbes of Caithness for specialist dance equipment
- £200 to Luna Douglas of Nairn to support the costs of a performing arts course
- £200 to Megan Keith of Inverness to represent Great Britain in orienteering

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