

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

To: Education Resources Sub-Committee	Subject: Further Education and Higher School Bursaries Performance Review, 2000/2001
From: Director of Education	
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Summary

This report reviews the budget performance of the further education and higher school bursaries for the period April to September 2000. It also includes statistics on bursary applications received and processed.

Recommendations

The education resources sub-committee is recommended to:

- (a) note the performance of the further education and higher school bursaries budget for the period April to September 2000 of the financial year 2000/2001
- (b) request the submission of further performance reports to future meetings of the sub-committee.

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NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL : DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Higher School and further Education Bursaries - Performance Review

Report by the Director of Education

1 Background

- 1.1 A total of 912 applications have been received to date. Of these, 87 applicants are not eligible for bursary support until January 2001 as they do not meet the requirement of being 16 years of age by 30 September 2000.
- 1.2 Of the remaining 825 applications 439 letters of award have been processed. Table 1 further breaks this down to show no awards due to the level of parental income ("financial refusal"), awards made provisionally (to students whose parents are self-employed or whose parents' income has been reduced by more than 15% on that of the last financial year) and standard awards. A further 386 applications are yet to be processed.

Table 1 – Awards Processed

Financial Refusals	Provisional Awards	Standard Awards
59	9	371

- 1.3 908 of the applications received so far are for higher school bursaries. The remaining 4 are for further education bursaries. All 4 of these were submitted on behalf of existing students with special educational needs and are "fees only" applications. 1 student has subsequently withdrawn the application.

2 Payments 2000/2001

- 2.1 A total of £23,944.37 has been paid in respect of these awards between August and September 2000.
- 2.2 Table 2 is a detailed analysis of expenditure for both further education and higher school bursaries for the full financial year to date.

Budget	Budget 2000/2001	Expenditure to date	Projected full year expenditure
Higher School Bursaries	613,000.00	227,963.65	817,994.67
Further Education Bursaries	134,800.00	762.98	82,118.98

3 Attendance

- 3.1 The three periods on which attendance will be monitored in academic session 2000/2001 are 21 August to 27 October 2000, 30 October 2000 to 19 January 2001 and 22 January to 30 March 2001. The attendance rate in each of these periods must be over 95%. No information is available as yet for 2000/2001.

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