

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

To: EDUCATION (RESOURCES) SUB-COMMITTEE	Subject: FURTHER EDUCATION AND HIGHER SCHOOL BURSARIES 2001-2002: PERFORMANCE REVIEW
From: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION	
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Purpose of Report

This report reviews the performance of the further education and higher school bursaries budget for the period April to September 2001. It also includes statistics on bursary applications received.

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 2001.
- (b) request the submission of further performance reports to future meetings of the sub-committee



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Report by the Director of Education

1. Background.

- 1.1 781 applications have been received to date in academic session 2001-2002. Of these, 9 applications were refused because the students were not eligible for bursary support due to either not being resident in North Lanarkshire or having previously been awarded support for 2 years. A further 84 students are not eligible for support until January 2002 because they do not meet the age requirement. 778 of the applications received are for higher school bursaries.
- 1.2 Of the 688 eligible for support from August 2001 355 letters of award have been issued. These are further analysed in Table 1 to show the number of students who are not entitled to an award due to the level of parental income ("financial refusal"), the number of students to whom the award was made provisionally (where the parents are self-employed or whose parents' income has been reduced by more than 15% on that of the last financial year) and the number of students who have received standard awards. A further 333 applications are yet to be processed.

Table 1 – Awards Processed

Financial Refusals	Provisional Awards	Standard Awards	To be processed
23	11	321	333

- 1.3 A total of 3 further education applications have been received. Two of the applications received relate to students with special educational needs attending courses in England. Both awards are "fees only" awards.

The third application was submitted by a student attending a 1-year singing course at the Italia Conti Academy of Theatre Arts, London. This course is not one of those funded by the Council. The application has been refused and is currently the subject of an appeal to be heard by the Education (Joint Appeals and Bursaries) sub-committee.

2 Performance

Payments 2001/2002

- 2.1 £180,668.10 has been paid in respect of higher school bursary awards for the period April to September 2001. All fees in respect of further education bursaries for session 2000-2001 were paid from the 2000-2001 budget. The first instalment of fees for session 2001-2002 is due to be paid on 25 October 2001.
- 2.2 Table 2 shows the total expenditure on both higher school and further education bursaries.

Table 2 – Expenditure on bursaries for Session 2001-2002

Budget	Budget 2001/2002	Expenditure to date	Projected expenditure
Higher School Bursaries	588,000	180668	588,000
Further Education Bursaries	134,800	0.00	47,979

2.3 Attendance

Attendance will be monitored in 3 periods, 20 August to 2 November 2001, 5 November 2001 to 25 January 2002 and 28 January to 19 April 2002. Students with an attendance less than 95% will be penalised. No information is available as yet for 2001-2002.

3 Recommendations

The education resources sub-committee is recommended:

- (1) to note the performance of the further education and higher school bursaries budget for the financial year 2001-2002.
- (2) to request the submission of further performance reports to future meetings of the education resources sub-committee.