

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**  
**EDUCATION CHAIR'S SUB-COMMITTEE**

**9 APRIL 2003**

**DONALD DEWAR MEMORIAL APPEAL**

**Report by Director of Educational & Social Services**

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1** The purpose of the report is to advise the Education Chair's Sub-Committee of a request from the University of Glasgow seeking a donation towards the Donald Dewar memorial appeal.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1** The University of Glasgow has decided to honour the memory of Donald Dewar, one of its graduates, by launching an appeal for funds to establish a Chair in Social Justice.
- 2.2** In so doing, the University has acknowledged that Social Justice was a subject close to Donald Dewar's personal commitments. The person appointed should become the Donald Dewar Professor of Social Justice will give academic and interdisciplinary leadership in the study of the complex problems surrounding social justice and provide a focus to public debate and policy making.
- 2.3** Donald Dewar studied at the University in the late 50's, early 60's and maintained a fond and close interest in the University throughout his life. In June 1998 the University conferred on him the honorary Degree of Doctor of Law.
- 2.4** A sum of approximately £475,000.00 has been raised to date from a wide variety of support and the University hopes to raise £1.8M in total.

**3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1** Councils which have supported the Appeal to date are Glasgow City, Aberdeen City, Highlands, South Ayrshire, West Lothian, Fife, Clackmannanshire & Shetlands Islands. The sums donated vary from a few hundred pounds from smaller authorities, with £1000 being the most common donation, and £5,000 - £10,000 from the larger authorities.

**4. CONCLUSION**

- 4.1 Having regard to the nature of the appeal and the close links between the department and the University of Glasgow, it is proposed to donate £1,000 from the budget of Education and Social Services towards this worthwhile initiative.

**5. LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 Nil

**6. RECOMMENDATION**

- 6.1 The Education Chair's Sub-Committee is asked to agree to the sum of £1,000 being donated to the University of Glasgow appeal to establish a Chair of Social Justice in memory of the late Donald Dewar.

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**LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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