

**Halesowen Area Committee – 14<sup>th</sup> November 2007**

**Report of the Director of Finance**

**Earls High School Foundation**  
**Application for Grants**

**Purpose of Report**

1. To consider the following request for an application for funding from the Trust.

**Background**

2. The Foundation is governed by a scheme dated 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1989, and is a registered charity. No 527585
3. The Trustee is Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council.
4. The income of the Trust, after the payment of expenses, can be used in one of the following ways:
  - a) In providing the school with such benefits of any kind not normally provided by the local authority as may be agreed between the Trustee and the School Governors.
  - b) In promoting the education (including social and physical training) of persons under the age of 25 years who are attending or who have attended the school and who are in need of financial assistance.
5. Application from the Governors of The Earls High School to assist Jordanne Whiley

Jordanne Whiley is 14 years old and is a pupil at The Earls High School. Since birth she has suffered from a condition known as Brittle Bones and for much of the time is confined to a wheel chair.

Despite this condition she plays wheelchair tennis and is hoping to represent Great Britain at the 2008 Paralympics in Beijing

She has been successful in many tournaments, winning the Junior Girls Singles Title in Holland and runner up in the Doubles. She followed this by taking the Polish Girls Singles title and three titles in Cardiff – Junior Girls Singles, Doubles and Women's Singles

In 2007 she played in the Junior Master "Les Petits Ans" at Tarbes in France, being the first ever British player to win the trophy, going on to also claim the Winner Trophy for Doubles.

Currently she is ranked No 2 in the world

The Governors request that the Committee consider the request of £4,000 to help finance her expenses

## Finance

6 The Trust income for 2006/7 is as follows:

	£
Interest Received	8,000
Dividends	151
Rent	<u>4,740</u>
	<u>12,891</u>

During the current year there has been no significant expenditure, and it is anticipated that the income for 2007/8 will not change significantly, so that the request for funding can be met from this year's funds

## Law

- 7 The Council is successor to the former Halesowen Council by virtue of the Local Government Act 1972.
- 8 Section 139 of the Local Government Act, 1972 empowers the Council to accept, hold and administer gifts of property, where it enables them to discharge any of their functions, and where the gifts are for the purposes of benefiting the inhabitants of their area
- 9 The conditions under which a gift is to be administered, are contained in the Deed creating the Trust, and any subsequent schemes made by the Charity Commission.
- 10 The law relating to Trusts, which are charitable, is contained in various acts, the main ones being the Charities Act, 1960, the Charities Act 1992 and 1993, and the Trustee Investment Act, 1961

## Equality Impact

- 11 The Trusts have been set up to benefit the school and its former pupils as outlined in the scheme

## Recommendation

- 12 It is recommended that: -  
The Committee consider the funding applications detailed in Paragraph 5



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### **List of Background Papers**

Letter from Earls High School

Letter from Governors

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