

Governance Review of Trusts - 2025 Update

APPENDIX E – DETAILS OF DISBURSEMENTS

Educational Trusts (Appendix A)

There are 37 Educational Trusts with a total Balance Sheet Value of £6,650,046 (as at 31 March 2025), which in summary have purposes supporting the advancement of education in Aberdeen. That sum includes a total Revenue Value of £1,879,908.

In terms of the Powers Delegated to Officers, the Chief Officer – Education & Lifelong Learning has approved the following expenditure:

£150 in total (£30 for each prize) from various prize funds - for funding Hazlehead Academy's school prizes in summer 2025 - as follows:

- Jessie Durno Prize Fund (Mathematics)
- Margaret C Harper Prize Fund (best pupil in German)
- Elizabeth MM Laing Prize (best pupil in French)
- Mary Durno Prize Fund (English)
- Duncan B Heriot Prize Fund (English and History)

Children's Social Work Trusts (Appendix B)

There are 11 Children's Social Work Trusts with a total Balance Sheet Value of £68,414 (as at 31 March 2025), which in summary have been established to support the delivery of children's social work services. That sum includes a total Revenue Value of £24,457.

Adult Social Work Trusts (Appendix C)

There are 20 Adult Social Work Trusts with a total Balance Sheet Value of £384,823 (as at 31 March 2025), which in summary relate to specific adult social work functions or specific residential homes. That sum includes a total Revenue Value of £150,864.

Arts & Culture Trusts (Appendix D)

There are 23 Arts & Culture Trusts with a total Balance Sheet Value of £6,981,492 (as at 31 March 2025). That sum includes a total Revenue Value of £3,994,564.

In terms of the Powers Delegated to Officers, the Chief Officer – City Development & Regeneration, at the request of the Council's Aberdeen Archives, Gallery & Museums Service (AAGM), has approved the following expenditure:

From the Aberdeen Art Gallery Trusts (charity number SC018575)

- £500 to purchase a portrait painting of the footballer Denis Law by Aberdeen artist Dod Dow. This portrait depicts Denis Law in five well-known images from his illustrious footballing career. The purchase will enhance AAGM's permanent collection and fits within AAGM Collections Development Policy priority themes such as *Contemporary or historical significance, Local significance and provenance to Aberdeen* and *Enhancement of existing holdings*. Denis Law is one of Aberdeen's greatest icons and received the Freedom of the City in 2017. He is the only Scottish football player to have won the prestigious FIFA Ballon d'Or. There was hitherto nothing in the AAGM collection that directly represents Denis Law. This acquisition is an opportunity to tell the story of the local pride felt for one of Aberdeen's and football's icons.
- £5,278.04 towards the purchase of *Low Winter Sun: Linkshouse Window* (2023) by Victoria Crowe. This painting shows the Scottish coastline reflected in a kitchen window at Linkshouse in Orkney. The purchase will enhance AAGM's permanent collection and fits within the priority theme of "energy, environment, and local economy", whereby AAGM seeks to collect "*work that explores the Scottish landscape, created by living artists, with particular focus on the North–East coastline and the presence of humans in the natural environment.*" This painting blends a domestic setting with landscape, and the presence of humans in the natural environment is seen through the inclusion of plastic caught on the empty branches of a rose bush.

From the Mrs Vera R E Taylor Fund

- £7,712.08 to facilitate the display of the *Tales of the Tall Ships* exhibition in Aberdeen Maritime Museum, by allowing the gallery to be re-decorated, including joinery work to increase the available wall display space for museum objects; and to facilitate in the same venue the temporary Aberdeen-built ships research exhibition *Ship Shapes*, which explores how the size, shape and design of the many different types of vessels constructed in Aberdeen's historic shipyards relates to their roles and functions. These new exhibitions and museum experiences tied in with Aberdeen hosting the Tall Ships Races 2025.
- £245 for printed treasure hunt guides to support and interpret a series of ceramic characters (created by the artist Joe Morgan) which have been placed around Aberdeen Maritime Museum to encourage families and visitors with young children to explore the pre-existing displays, objects and stories across the museum site. Self-led resources like this help children to focus and engage and slow down the pace of a visit, leading to more meaningful encounters with collections and display stories.