awarded during this award cycle.

4.0 CONCLUSION

4.1 Members are invited to consider the applications that have been received for support from the Campbell and McNeil Bequests and to approve the financial awards recommended within the report.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 **Policy** Consideration of the questions raised will ensure that the intentions of the original bequests are honoured.
- 5.2 **Financial** None, the Council acts as trustee for the Fund, it does not represent assets of the Council. However, there is a risk that the Council would have to repay the Trust if an objection was raised as to the use of the funds.
- 5.3 **Legal** Area Committees, as Trustees, must ensure that the distribution arrangements comply with the terms of the funds, failure to do so would result in the Council being liable.
- 5.4 **HR** None
- 5.5 **Fairer Scotland Duty None**
 - 5.5.1 Equalities protected characteristics None
 - 5.5.2 Socio-economic Duty None
 - 5.5.3 Islands None
- 5.6 **Climate Change** None
- 5.7 **Risk** Recent changes to the benefit system, and low interest rates may result in an oversubscription to the bequest. If there was an objection raised as to the use of the funds in a particular way, there is a risk that the Council could have to pay Page 155 the costs themselves and repay the Trust the costs. The level of risk is considered to be acceptable.
- 5.8 **Customer Service –** None
- 5.9 The Rights of the Child (UNCRC) None

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APPENDICES:

Appendix 1: Spreadsheet of applications (exempt)