

## CEREDIGION COUNTY COUNCIL

**Report to:** Council

**Date of meeting:** 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023

**Title:** Trustees of the charity “Evan Morgan Prizes”

**Purpose of the report:** To confirm the appointment of two Trustees

**For:** Decision

**Cabinet Portfolio and  
Cabinet Member:** n/a

### 1. BACKGROUND

On the 5<sup>th</sup> December 1983, the Charity Commission made a Scheme in relation to the charity known as the Evan Morgan Prizes (also earlier known as the Evan Morgan Scholarships), a copy of which is appended at Appendix 1 of this report.

The Scheme stipulates that £977.47p of the money left by Evan Morgan in his Will in 1926 be held as permanent endowment by the charity (ie: cannot be spent) and any income be utilised for:

*“The trustees shall apply the clear income of the Charity in awarding prizes to pupils of county primary schools in the District of Ceredigion, in the County of Dyfed, who are about to attend county secondary schools in that district, in recognition of their academic achievements which must include proficiency in the Welsh and English languages and Elementary Mathematics.”*

There is a requirement for three Trustees under the Scheme. The first Trustee is named as the Director of Education of Dyfed County Council whose statutory functions are now held by the Corporate Lead Officer – Schools as Chief Education Officer.

The remaining two Trustees are to be nominated by the Council as Local Education Authority and may be, but need not be, a member of the Council.

### 2. CURRENT POSITION

Having been in correspondence with the Charity Commission’s Revitalising Trusts Programme in relation to this charity, officers have reviewed the charity as awards have not been made under the Scheme since 26/07/2005.

The Council currently holds £4,861.37p on behalf of the charity which, minus the permanent endowment, means £3,883.90p can be utilised for awards under the terms of the charitable Scheme.

Whilst the Council already has an established Charity Trustee Committee, that Committee's remit is only to make decisions in relation to charities which the Council itself is sole Trustee of and therefore this charity does not fall within that remit.

### 3. NEXT STEPS

In order to revitalise the charitable scheme and be in a position to make new awards, it is proposed that the Council appoint the Chair and Vice-chair for the Ceredigion County Council Overview and Scrutiny Learning Communities Committee to be the remaining two Trustees.

Trustees will benefit from the general indemnity granted by the Council to Members and Officers, provided that they act honestly, within their powers and that of the charity, and in good faith.

**Has an Integrated Impact Assessment been completed?** Not required  
**If, not, please state why**

**Summary:**

<b>Wellbeing of Future Generations:</b>	<b>Long term:</b>	To ensure appropriate appointment of Trustees on behalf of Ceredigion County Council to the Evan Morgan Prizes charity
	<b>Collaboration:</b>	To collaborate with other Council Members, and the CLO for Schools to ensure that the area as a whole is represented
	<b>Involvement:</b>	To decide upon appropriate awarding of the Evan Morgan Prizes
	<b>Prevention:</b>	None
	<b>Integration:</b>	Working with Officers to ensure the best outcomes for our residents in terms of allocation of awards

**Recommendation(s):** **To approve the appointment of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Ceredigion County Council Overview and Scrutiny Learning Communities Committee as the two nominative Trustees to the charity known as the Evan Morgan Prizes.**

**Reasons for decision:** **To ensure appropriate representation as Trustees of the charity Evan Morgan Prizes**

**Overview and Scrutiny:** N/A

**Policy Framework:** N/A

<b>Corporate Well-being Objectives:</b>	Contributes to the following Corporate Priority: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing the Best Start in Life and Enabling Learning at All Ages</li> </ul>
<b>Finance and Procurement implications:</b>	None
<b>Legal Implications:</b>	None
<b>Staffing implications:</b>	None
<b>Property / asset implications:</b>	None
<b>Risk(s):</b>	None
<b>Statutory Powers:</b>	N/A
<b>Background Papers:</b>	None
<b>Appendices:</b>	Appendix 1 – Scheme 05/12/1983
<b>Corporate Lead Officer:</b>	Elin Prysor Corporate Lead Officer - Legal and Governance Services
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Louise Harries - Solicitor
<b>Date:</b>	10/01/2023