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Report of: The Principal – Guildhall School of Music and Drama.	For Decision
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Summary

This report updates Members of the Education Board on the impact of City Corporation centrally funded scholarships at the Guildhall School of Music & Drama (GSMD) over the 2019/20 academic year and asks Members to approve a further provision for scholarships in the 2020/21 academic year subject to the criteria as set out in the recommendations below. The full impact report from the GSMD relating to the funding provided in 2019/20 is included in **Appendix 1**.

Recommendations

Members are asked to:

- I. Note the impact of the centrally funded scholarships awarded in 2019/20;
- II. Approve funding of £30,000 to GSMD from the Finance Committee City Cash budget set aside for this purpose on the agreement of the Education Board. GSMD scholarships in 2020/21 to be awarded in accordance with amended scholarship criteria which will allow for funded scholarships to students under 18 years of age in the Junior Guildhall School Programme, as set out in paragraph 8 of the Report.

Main Report

Background

1. The GSMD has historically benefited from a centrally funded “grant” for scholarships at the School which have been awarded in accordance with the GSMD’s own scholarship criteria. The GSMD is a Department of the City Corporation and benefits from Government funding, as well as being part funded by the City Corporation. The GSMD Board is required to comply with legal and regulatory requirements relating to the further education sector, including in respect of financial management. The GSMD, and those attending the GSMD, have also historically benefited from charitable funding through the Guildhall School Trust (Charity Registration No. 1082472; Company Registration No 4041975) (the Trust) and other smaller charities since merged into the Trust. In this case, and as it is more administratively efficient and as there are no benefits to the City Corporation or the GSMD in directing the funds to the Trust in the first instance, it is proposed that the funding be paid to the GSMD for allocation in accordance with the GSMD’s own scholarship policies and criteria as approved by the GSMD Board.
2. At its meeting on 20 July 2017, the Education Board approved the payment of £30,000 per annum from a centrally funded budget (City’s Cash) to GSMD to

fund scholarships for the 2018/19 and 2019/20 financial years, subject to GSMD reporting annually on the numbers and impact of the scholarships.

3. At its meeting on 19 July 2018, the Education Board further agreed that in future, GSMD should ring-fence the allocation of this funding to scholarships meeting the following criteria:

“Focus on supporting skills development in performance, production arts and creative enterprise, provide support where the need is greatest, particularly students from a broad cultural and socio-economic demographic, and strengthen progression opportunities to the Guildhall School, and its associated Young Artist programme, for pupils from the City of London Academies. Providing greater support for Guildhall Students on pathways such as those mentioned above would help to ensure greater alignment between the School’s own Widening Participation strategy and the City of London’s Education, Skills and Cultural and Creative Learning strategies.”

4. At its meeting on 18 July 2019, the Education Board received a report from GSMD on the number of all scholarships awarded and received the advice that a full impact report on the ring-fenced allocation of the £30,000 funding under the restricted criteria would be submitted to the Education Board in July 2020.
5. Subsequently, a report was submitted to the meeting on 5 March 2020 which was deemed by Board Members to unsatisfactorily report on the impact of the ring-fenced funding allocation against the conditions and criteria attached to the funding as noted at paragraph 3 above, and the following requests were made to the GSMD for submission to the May 2020 meeting of this Board:
 - (a) The submission of an impact report on the ring-fenced 2019/20 scholarships awarded under the restricted criteria; and
 - (b) A revised recommendation for 2020/21 funding which clearly indicates that the funding will be ring-fenced for scholarships meeting the restricted criteria.

Proposals

6. The GSMD has now provided a more detailed report on the impact of the funding previously allocated by the Education Board for GSMD scholarships in 2019/20 (refer **Appendix 1**).
7. Members’ attention is drawn to the difficulties, as set out in **Appendix 1**, in applying the funds in accordance with the criteria set by the Education Board previously, and to consider the request that alternative criteria be set if the Education Board agrees to fund GSMD scholarships in 2020/21.
8. The GSMD has requested that the Education Board consider allocating £30,000 to be awarded by the GSMD as scholarships in 2020/21 in accordance with the following criteria:

“The inclusion of under 18 students in the Junior Guildhall programme where there may be a greater chance of securing a link with City of London Academies pupils. The scholarship matching process where this grant

currently sits, focuses solely on degree students whilst the needs of Junior Guildhall students are assessed separately. It is proposed that this grant straddles both processes, ensuring that under 18s are also considered, where there may be a greater prevalence of City of London school pupils and more chance of aligning with the City of London's Education, Skills and Cultural and Creative Learning strategies."

9. The Department of Community and Children's Services (Education Strategy Team), the Chamberlain, and the Comptroller & City Solicitor have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

Conclusion

10. Members are asked to consider the request from the GSMD for scholarship funding for 2020/21 following the update on impact achieved from the funding provided in 2019/20.

Appendices

- Appendix 1 - Impact Report for the Education Board on the City of London Grant to Guildhall School of Music & Drama 2019/20 and Grant Request for 20/21 (Non-Public)

Background papers

- Education Board. 20 July 2017. Review of funding to The Guildhall School Trust and the Guildhall School of Music & Drama for Scholarships.
- Education Board. 19 July 2018. Report on Guildhall School of Music & Drama scholarship grant.
- Education Board. 18 July 2019. Guildhall School of Music and Drama Scholarships 2018/19
- Education Board. 5 March 2020. Review of funding to The Guildhall School Trust and the Guildhall School of Music & Drama for Scholarships.