

ARGYLL AND BUTE DESIGN AWARDS 2022/23

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to invite Members to agree the proposal to facilitate the relaunch of built environment Design Awards in 2022 which would run to summer 2023.
- 1.2** Argyll and Bute Council has successfully held three rounds of Design Awards over the past ten years, the most recent being held in 2015. In January 2020 PPSL agreed the launch of a further round of the competition as previously identified in the Service Plan. The entry period was opened in early 2020 however the competition was subsequently postponed due to Covid 19 restrictions.
- 1.3** Design and sustainability are both recognised as being of important concerns within Planning at both national level in the Scottish Planning Policy (SPP) and within the Scottish Government's Policy Document on Creating Places, and at local level in the Local Development Plan (LDP). The Design Awards seek to raise awareness of these issues and promote successful design in Argyll and Bute. The Awards also recognise the significance of the Climate Change Act and the council's need to comply with this.
- 1.4** It is recommended that:
- Members note and agree the content of this report which sets out the process required to prepare for the postponed 2020 built environment design competition to be relaunched in 2022.
 - Members agree the inclusion of the Chair and Vice Chair as part of the judging panel
 - Members agree the proposed new Member's Award as described.

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2.0 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is to invite Members to agree the process required for preparation of built environment Design Awards in 2022 and 2023.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is recommended that:

- Members note and agree the content of this report which sets out the process required to prepare for the postponed 2020 built environment design competition to be relaunched in 2022.
- Members agree the inclusion of the Chair and Vice Chair as part of the judging panel
- Members agree the proposed new Member's Award as described.

4.0 DETAIL

- 4.1 Design and sustainability are both recognised as being of important concerns within Planning at both national level in the Scottish Planning Policy (SPP) and within the Scottish Government's Policy Document on Creating Places, and at local level in the Local Development Plan (LDP). These proposed Design Awards seek to raise awareness of these issues and promote successful design in Argyll and Bute.
- 4.2 In previous years of this competition sustainability and design have been considered together. However given the prominence of Climate Change as an issue of concern and the Council's need to comply with the Climate Change

Act, it is proposed that sustainability be considered in its own right separately from other aspects of design in order to ensure due regard is paid to this significant issue.

- 4.3 In January 2020 PPSL agreed the launch of a further round of the competition as previously identified in the Service Plan. The entry period was opened in early 2020 however the competition was subsequently postponed due to Covid 19 restrictions. Prior to the postponement, 9 entries were received and it is proposed to seek agreement from the applicants to re-enter these without the requirement for further submissions.
- 4.4 It is proposed that a judging panel be formed of 2 Members from PPSL (suggested that Chair and Vice Chair are appropriate) as well as 2 Council Officers for each category. To ensure the most appropriate expertise in each category Officers with knowledge of energy efficiency and Building Standards will, along with 2 Members, judge the Sustainability category while Officers with knowledge of design will be on the judging panel for the other categories.
- 4.5 The proposed categories are:
- Sustainable design
 - Aesthetic design
 - Community Led Regeneration project
 - Built heritage
 - Design for under £100k
 - Members' award
 - Public Award

It is anticipated that, in some cases, projects may be entered into more than one category.

- 4.6 The proposed timescale for key tasks is:
- October 2022 - 16 week entry period opens; promotion of Awards
 - February 2023 – shortlisting
 - March 2023 – People's Choice voting period opens
 - April 2023 – site visits; judging meeting
 - June 2023 – Members' Choice voting at PPSL
 - TBC - awards ceremony
- 4.7 The Design Awards will be publicised via the website and a Press Release. In order to ensure the event is widely publicised it is proposed that a mailshot be sent to all Agents currently held in the Development Management database.
- 4.8 It order to widen the involvement and engagement of Member's beyond the

proposed judging panel, in a practical manner, it is proposed that a Members' Award be added to the 2020 Awards. Members would therefore be presented with all the shortlisted entries from each category and allowed to vote for their favorite project. One Members' Award would be given which may or may not be a project which has won one of the categories judged by the Panel. It is proposed that a presentation of the shortlisted entries and a vote be included as an additional session prior to PPSL Committee in summer 2023.

- 4.9 In recognition of the importance of community involvement it is proposed that members of the public be presented with the shortlisted entries from each category online and be allowed to vote for their favorite project across the categories. This may or may not be a project which has won one of the categories judged by the Panel.

5.0 CONCLUSION

- 5.1 Design and sustainability are both recognised as being of important concerns within Planning at both national level in the Scottish Planning Policy (SPP) and within the Scottish Government's Policy Document on Creating Places, and at local level in the Local Development Plan (LDP). The proposed Design Awards seek to raise awareness of these issues and promote successful design in Argyll and Bute. The Awards also recognize the significance of the Climate Change Act and the Council's need to comply with this.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Policy: None
- 6.2 Financial: modest costs for travel and trophies
- 6.3 Legal: None
- 6.4 HR: Officer and Member time
- 6.5 Fairer Scotland Duty: None
- 6.5.1 Equalities - protected characteristics: None
- 6.5.2 Socio-economic Duty: None
- 6.5.3 Islands: None
- 6.6 Risk: None
- 6.7 Customer Service: None
- 6.8 Climate Change: None

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APPENDICES

None