



Renfrewshire Council

To: Planning & Property Board

On: May 12 2015

Report by: Director Development & Housing Services

Heading: AWARDS & NOMINATIONS

1. Summary

- 1.1. This report seeks to update Members on a series of Awards and Nominations that have recently been secured for projects that are within the remit of the Planning & Property Board.
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2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That Members note the success of Renfrewshire Council in relation to awards secured against projects and initiatives that are within the remit of the Planning & Property Policy Board.
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3. Background

- 3.1 The remit of the Planning & Property Policy Board covers an extensive range of issues and to this end it is considered that external recognition of the work of the Board is a measure of its success and an indication that the Board and the Officers of the various teams involved in delivering Projects are making to deliver regeneration and economic growth for the benefit of all of Renfrewshire's communities.
 - 3.2 In this context this Board Paper seeks to update Members on recent successes and awards that the Council has secured.
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Johnstone Town Hall

Renfrewshire Council's £14.5 million investment in the construction of the new Johnstone Town Hall has secured the Development of the Year (Public Buildings) in the Scottish Property Awards 2015.

Members will be aware that this "state-of-the-art" development will include a library, theatre and conference space, dance studio, cafe and meeting rooms. The building will also offer a range of Council Services under one roof. Police Scotland and Macmillan Cancer Support will also be located within the building.

The building will open officially on May 16 2015, but is already a well used asset for the town and will be a catalyst for ongoing investment by the public and private sector.

Paisley Town Centre Heritage Asset Strategy

The Paisley Town Centre Heritage Asset Strategy picked up two titles at the recent Placemaking Awards in London, designed to honour the very best planning and regeneration projects from across the UK.

The Awards for Best Use of Arts, Culture and Sport in Placemaking; and Best Placemaking in Scotland were praised by the Judges for its 'town-wide scale', saying it 'showed good community engagement, and made good use of economic heritage'.

Grand Fountain, Fountain Gardens Paisley

The project to restore Paisley's Grand Fountain won the Restoration / Conservation category at the UK Museums and Heritage Awards which recognises projects of excellence and innovation across the UK and Europe.

The intricate cast-iron A-listed structure – one of the town's architectural treasures – was painstakingly returned to its original Victorian-era condition last year and the project won the Restoration/Conservation category ahead of nominees from the Tate galleries and the Bletchley Park World War 2 heritage site.

Judges praised the Renfrewshire-Council-led scheme, saying it 'combined painstaking research with clear community outcomes resulting in the greatest reward of all, civic pride'.

Hillington Simplified Planning Zone

Finally it is also noted that the work of the Council in delivering the Hillington Simplified Planning Zone has also been recognised as a joint submission with Glasgow City Council and consultants Terence O'Rourke has been

shortlisted within the category “Excellence in Decision Making in Planning” in the forthcoming Royal Town Planning Institute UK Annual Awards to be held on July 5th.

Implications of the Report

1. **Financial** - None
 2. **HR & Organisational Development** - None
 3. **Community Planning:** None.
 4. **Legal:** None.
 5. **Property/Assets** – N/A
 6. **Information Technology** – N/A
 7. **Equality & Human Rights** – N/A
 8. **Health & Safety** – N/A
 9. **Procurement** – N/A
 10. **Risk** – N/A
 11. **Privacy Impact** – N/A
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List of Background Papers

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