

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by Chief Executive

Corporate Services Committee: 28th June 2006

Subject: National Business Awards for Scotland 2006

1. Purpose

- 1.1. To update Members on the recent successful achievement of ICT & Business Development being selected as finalists in the National Business Awards for Scotland 2006, placing the service as one of five finalists for the “*The Award for Business Improvement Through People*” category.

2. Background

- 2.1 The National Business Awards for Scotland is an independent programme recognising success, innovation and ethics across all vertical markets embracing businesses of all sizes. The programme states that it is supported by forward-thinking organisations that have a desire to recognise best practice and innovative business processes.
- 2.2 The award recognises that innovation is a key differentiator: it is a measure of a businesses’ agility and capability to adjust to market and customer needs.
- 2.3 Each year the awards celebrate the effect and impact of businesses, large and small, on the wider Scottish economy. From across the country the best businesses are judged in the 15 distinct categories”.

3. The Award Finalists

- 3.1 To be selected as a finalist is a significant achievement, The National Business Awards advised that “*prior to your selection as a finalist your application and any supporting material were subject to intense scrutiny by a team of pre-eminent business experts.*”
- 3.2 The awards finalists are from both private and public sector organisations with a wide range of business focuses, both service and product provision. It was particularly important to ICT & Business Development to be recognised in this broader business arena as we have already achieved national recognition from the IT professional body of the British Computer Society. This broader validation of ICT & Business Development’s best business practice supports the aims and objectives of delivering high quality, best value services.

4 The Award for Business Improvement Through People

- 4.1 The awards seek to locate the best organisation or individual in all 15 categories. To facilitate this, all finalists are asked to present to a panel of business specialists, whose role as members of the judging panels is to bring their experience and knowledge to the evaluation.
- 4.2 The judging presentation will take place in Glasgow on Wednesday 19th July, with the award winners announced on the 14th September 2006.

5. Personnel Issues

None

6. Financial Recommendations

None

7. Recommendation

Members are asked to note that ICT & Business Development have been selected as a finalist in the National Business Awards for Scotland 2006.

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Background Papers: None

Wards Affected: None