

ANGUS COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE

13 JUNE 1996

SUBJECT: CIVIC TRUST AWARDS

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF PLANNING, TRANSPORT & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**Abstract: This report relates to an invitation from the Civic Trust to participate in the 1997 Civic Trust Awards.**

**1 RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Committee agrees to participate in the 1997 Civic Trust Awards.

**2 INTRODUCTION**

2.1 The Civic Trust has invited Angus Council to participate in the Awards Scheme for 1997. The Awards are organised nationally by the Civic Trust in partnership with Local Authorities and the Trust is seeking to establish links with the new Unitary Authorities.

2.2 The Civic Trust handles all central administration, PR and publicity for the Scheme. The involvement of Local Authorities is to undertake any additional publicity to encourage entries locally, to organise the itinerary for the assessing team and to pay their out-of-pocket expenses (no fees) and to organise a presentation ceremony for the winning entries in their area. The 1997 Awards will be launched at the end of June, the deadline for entries will be mid September and the winners announced on 27 March 1997.

**3 DISCUSSION**

3.1 A major role of the development control process is to encourage good design in town and country. Award Schemes, such as the Civic Trusts are a means of both giving recognition to design quality and by raising its profile to encourage improved standards generally. This accords with the Angus Council's Strategic Statement and the Department's Business Plan.

**4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 The costs of participation in the Awards are likely to be relatively low. There are opportunities to share the costs of the assessors with adjoining Councils and this is being pursued.

**5 CONSULTATION**

- 5.1 The Management Team agreed to support the participation in the 1997 Civic Trust Awards.

**NOTE**

No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above Report.

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