

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE – 11 JANUARY 2006

NATIONAL TRANSPORT AWARDS – 28 NOVEMBER 2005

THE SALTIRE AWARD FOR CIVIL ENGINEERING 2005

Report by Executive Director of Development and Property Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** To advise the Committee of the Roads & Transportation Division's recent successes at the Scottish Transport Awards and the Saltire Awards.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1** The aim of the Scottish Transport Awards is to reflect the distinctive, administrative and financial framework in Scotland and to reward excellence in transport initiatives. The awards have the support of both the Scottish Executive and the Scottish Transport Studies Group. The awards are open to all 32 local authorities in Scotland, and there are also specific awards for other transport organisations to enter.

The Saltire Society was founded in 1936. The Society aims to foster and enrich the cultural heritage of Scotland in all its aspects. It looks to the future as well as to the past, encouraging creativity as a living element of European civilisation. It encourages the study and appreciation of arts and sciences and promotes excellence in many fields through a series of national awards.

3. EAST AYRSHIRE'S SUCCESSES

3.1 THE SCOTTISH TRANSPORT AWARDS

The awards were presented at The Scottish Transport Awards dinner in Edinburgh on 28 November 2005.

The Roads Division's Traffic and Transportation Team, led by Keith Orton, Principal Engineer, and Neil Bell and Kerr Chalmers, Senior Engineers, won the award in the Transport Integration category for the Kilmarnock Town Centre Action Plan. The Judges praised the £3.25 million package of measures including controlled parking, bus and rail interchange, pedestrian access and safety and traffic management which had, very effectively, addressed the problems arising from 1970's traffic and parking arrangements. The runners-up in this category were Angus Council, North Lanarkshire Council, Shetland Islands Council and South Ayrshire Council.

4. THE SALTIRE AWARD

- 4.1** The award was presented at the annual Saltire Society's Awards Ceremony on 26 October 2005 in the Royal Museum, Edinburgh, which was hosted by the BBC's Louise Bachelor.
- 4.2** The Roads Division's General Services Team, led by John McRobert (Client), Jacobs Babbie (Designer) and RJ McLeod (Contractor) achieved national recognition at the ceremony for the 'Crookedholm, Galston, Riccarton Flood Prevention Scheme'. The 'Environmentally Sustainable Construction Commendation' was made in recognition of the wisdom and teamwork involved in creating a scheme which significantly improves the sustainability of the community within East Ayrshire and enhanced the environment. Rhona Brankin MSP, Depute Minister for the Environment and Rural Development, formally expressed her congratulations for this achievement.

5. LEGAL/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1** Nil

6. COMMUNITY PLAN IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1** The schemes reflect the Council's commitment to access, safety and social inclusion for East Ayrshire.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1** The Committee is invited to note the Roads & Transportation Division's successes in these awards.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

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