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COUNCIL EXECUTIVE

SCOTLAND LOVES LOCAL AWARDS 2023

REPORT BY INTERIM HEAD OF HOUSING, CUSTOMER AND BUILDING SERVICES

A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of the report is to seek approval from Council Executive for the appropriate elected member attendance at the Scotland Loves Local Awards 2023.

B. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council Executive:

1. Approves the attendance of appropriate elected member at the Scotland Loves Local Awards 2023 with appropriate officer support from Housing, Customer and Building Services.

C. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

I Council Values	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caring and Compassionate • Open, Honest and Accountable • Collaborate, Inclusive and Adaptive
II Policy and Legal (including Strategic Environmental Assessment, Equality Issues, Health or Risk Assessment)	None
III Implications for Scheme of Delegations to Officers	None
IV Impact on performance and performance Indicators	None
V Relevance to Single Outcome Agreement	None
VI Resources - (Financial, Staffing and Property)	None – two places at the awards have been provided to those on the shortlist.
VII Consideration at PDSP	None
VIII Other consultations	Economic Development

D. TERMS OF REPORT

D.1 BACKGROUND

The Scotland Loves Local Awards 2023 are a celebration of all that is great about our nation's towns and neighbourhoods - recognising and rewarding remarkable dedication, innovation and commitment towards shaping a sustainable, successful future with localism at its heart.

Now in their third year, these awards are about highlighting the people, places and projects which are leading the way in making a difference, delivering benefits which will help make our communities cleaner, greener, stronger and fairer whether through design, delivery or sheer determination.

An application was coordinated and submitted by Economic Development, in collaboration with Housing Services on behalf of West Lothian Council and partner Wheatley Group in September 2023, under the 'Town Centre Living' Award category for the affordable housing development at Almondvale in Livingston. In October, the council received the news that despite a significant number of applicants from across Scotland, and a very high standard of submissions, that the entry had been successful in being one of the shortlisted finalists in the Town Centre Living category.

The awards ceremony will take place on 28 November at the V&A Museum in Dundee.

E. CONCLUSION

The Council Executive confirms the appropriate elected member to attend the Scotland Loves Local Awards 2023 as part of the delegation from West Lothian Council.

F BACKGROUND PAPERS

Appendices/Attachments:

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