

The Graham Allen Award for Conservation and Design

This report outlines the need to establish a Judging Panel for this year's Graham Allen Award and to agree the proposed dates for the judging and presentation of the awards.

The Graham Allen Award for Conservation and Design was inaugurated in 1982 as a memorial to the late Councillor G.S. Allen, first Chairman of North Norfolk District Council. Since then it has been presented annually by the Council to the scheme considered to make the most significant contribution to the built environment within the District. Eligible projects can involve the conservation and restoration of historic properties as well as new buildings which, through their design, make innovative use of traditional building forms and detailing.

A Judging Panel needs to be set up to consider, evaluate and judge submissions under the award scheme, and make awards accordingly. Membership of this Panel will comprise at least 8 Members of Development Committee and does not need to be politically balanced. The Panel will need to elect a Chairman on the day and will also include the relevant Portfolio Member as well as Mr Edward Allen (Graham Allen's eldest son), who has once again kindly agreed to represent the Allen family.

It is suggested that the Judging Panel convenes on **22 August 2019** at the Council Offices to consider and judge the entries. As in previous years, the day will commence with a short presentation of all entries in the Council Chamber followed by a tour of those short-listed. There will then be a brief plenary session back in the Council Chamber on the merits of each scheme. The day will conclude with members of the Judging Panel voting on the entries. The awards will then be presented at a ceremony later in the year. At the time of writing this report **10 October 2019** would appear to be the preferred date.

RECOMMENDATION:-

That the Committee notes the contents of this report and agree the date for judging the entries and the presentation of the awards.

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