

15th March 2010

Our ref: R00201

RE: Freedom of Information request – 2008 Kent Innovation Challenge

Introduction

Thank you for your Freedom of Information Request, dated 24th February 2010 concerning judges of the 2008 Kent Innovation Challenge.

Your request is: *“I would like to know the names of all the judges in the 2008 Kent Innovation Challenge.”*

Information requested

SEEDA was one of a number of a public and private sector organisations that sponsored the 2008 Kent Innovation Challenge Competition. Whilst SEEDA supported the competition, we were not involved in the selection of the judges or the actual judging of the competition itself.

SEEDA understands that the following organisations were represented on the judging panel and you may wish to contact these organisations for further information:

- University of Greenwich
- Kent On Sunday
- Vertex Law
- Natwest
- Business Support Kent (representing Business Link Kent)
- Canterbury Enterprise Hub
- Medway Enterprise Hub
- University of Greenwich (representing Medway Enterprise Hub)
- Sittingbourne Enterprise Hub Ltd

Whilst the Canterbury Enterprise Hub was a member of the judging panel, its representative was not involved in the final decision due to a potential conflict of interest relating to its involvement with one of the competition entrants.

SEEDA does hold the names of all members of the judging panel. We have sought their consent to SEEDA providing this information to you and the following people have agreed to their names being released:

- Tim Bentley, Chairman, Sittingbourne Enterprise Hub Ltd
- Tony Patey, Kent On Sunday

The other judges have not provided consent so we are unable to release their personal details as disclosure of this information is prohibited under Exemption 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act.