



Gateway to success! APSE service award winners 2007

APSE has announced the names of the organisations that beat off stiff competition to win its 2007 Awards for excellence in service delivery.

More than 750 representatives from councils and public services across the UK gathered for a gala dinner at Gateshead International Stadium to hear who had won the coveted APSE Service Awards 2007.

Local government minister, Parmjit Dhandra highlighted the contribution of the awards in **“recognising excellence in public services”**. He said: **“There was fierce competition for the Awards this year because the story of local government over the last ten years has been one of improvement.”**

APSE’s chief executive, Paul O’Brien, said: **“These Awards are about everything that APSE represents: Local authorities delivering excellent services to the public and sharing their experiences with their colleagues.”**

The winners are:-

Overall Council of the year in service delivery (sponsored by Aptus personnel)

Winner: Gateshead Council

Crawley Borough Council
Gateshead Council
London Borough of Islington
North Lanarkshire Council
Nottingham City Council
Renfrewshire Council
Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council

Best Employee and Equality initiative (Sponsored by UNISON)

Winner: Carlisle City Council

Aberdeenshire Council
City and County of Swansea Council
Crawley Borough Council
Fife Council
Local Government Staff Commission
Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council

Best Elected Member Development initiative (Sponsored by Toltec)

Winner: Blackpool Council

Bolton Council
Crawley Borough Council
Kirklees Metropolitan Council
Liverpool City Council
Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council

Best Housing & Regeneration Initiative (Sponsored by Cognito Limited)

Winner: Harlow District Council

Fenland District Council
Kirklees Metropolitan Council
Midlothian Council
Optima Community Association in partnership with Birmingham City Council
Renfrewshire Council

Best Efficiency initiative (Sponsored by IBS OPENSsystems)

Winner: Aberdeen City Council

City and County of Swansea Council
Gateshead Council
Kirklees Metropolitan Council
Renfrewshire Council
Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council

Best Healthy Living initiative (Sponsored by School Food Trust)

Winner: Merseyside Fire and Rescue

Daventry District Council
East Ayrshire Council
Golden Gates Housing
Newcastle City Council
Sefton Council
Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council

Public / Private Partnership working (Sponsored by Eversheds)

Winner: East Riding of Yorkshire Council

Belfast City Council
Nottingham City Council
South Lanarkshire Council
Telford and Wrekin Council
Walsall Council

Public / Public Partnership working (Sponsored by Eversheds)

Winner: Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council

Carmarthenshire County Council
Kettering Borough Council
London Borough of Enfield
Nottingham Authorities Vehicle Procurement Consortium
Sefton Council
St Helens Metropolitan Borough Council

Public / Voluntary Partnership working (Sponsored by Eversheds)

Winner: North Lanarkshire Leisure Ltd

City of Edinburgh Council
Dacorum Borough Council
Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council
South Tyneside Council
Strathclyde Fire and Rescue
Sunderland City Council

Best Community & Neighbourhood initiative (Sponsored by IIZUKA Software Technologies)

Winner: London Borough of Islington

Crawley Borough Council
Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council
Renfrewshire Council
Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council
Strathclyde Fire and Rescue

Best Information & Communication Technology initiative (Sponsored by Consilium Technologies)

Winner: Renfrewshire Council

Aberdeen City Council
London Borough of Camden
London Borough of Waltham Forest
Newport City Council
Salford City Council
Southampton City Council

Best Environmental initiative (Sponsored by Walker Morris)

Winner: Cornwall County Council

Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council
Belfast City Council
City and County of Swansea Council
London Borough of Islington
Preston City Council

Best Service Team Construction & Building (Sponsored by Hays Construction & Property)

Winner: Kirklees Metropolitan Council

Blackpool Council
City and County of Swansea Council
City of Edinburgh Council
Fenland District Council
South Lanarkshire Council

Best Service Team Catering (Sponsored by Fretwell-Downing Hospitality)

Winner : Salford City Council

Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council
North Lincolnshire Council
South Tyneside Council
Sunderland City Council
West Dunbartonshire Council

Best Service Team Building/ Facilities Cleaning (Sponsored by SEBO UK)

Winner: Gateshead Council

Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council
North Lanarkshire Council
Rochdale Metropolitan Borough Council
Staffordshire County Council

Best Service Team Highways, Winter Maintenance & Street Lighting (Sponsored by IQ Associates)

Winner: Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council

Bolton Council
Denbighshire County Council
Falkirk Council
Stockton on Tees Borough Council
The Vale of Glamorgan Council

Best Service Team Transport & Fleet (Sponsored by Fraikin)

Winner: Fife Council

East Dunbartonshire Council
Gateshead Council
Glasgow City Council
Leeds City Council
North Lanarkshire Council

Best Service Team Waste Management & Recycling (Sponsored by Heil Europe Ltd)

Winner: Fenland District Council

East Riding of Yorkshire Council
Lancashire County Council
Preston City Council
Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
Sunderland City Council
West Lothian Council

Best Service Team Streetscene & Public Realm (Sponsored by Beacon Dodsworth)

Winner: Vale Royal Borough Council

Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council
East Riding of Yorkshire Council
North Lincolnshire Council
Nottingham City Council
Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council

Best Service Team Parks, Grounds & Horticultural (Sponsored by SGM UK Ltd)

Winner: Stockton on Tees Borough Council

Bournemouth Borough Council
Copeland Borough Council
Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council
Leicester City Council
North Lincolnshire Council

Best Service Team Sports, Leisure & Cultural (Sponsored by Notts Sports)

Winner: City of Edinburgh Council

East Riding of Yorkshire Council
Glasgow City Council
Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council
Liverpool City Council
North West Leicestershire District Council

Best Service Team Social Care (Sponsored by UNISON)

Winner: London Borough of Barking and Dagenham (Family group conferences team)

Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council

Derby City Council

London Borough of Barking and Dagenham "Family Group Reference Team"

London Borough of Barking and Dagenham "LACHES project"

Hull City Council

Merseyside Fire and Rescue

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Notes to editors

The awards were hosted by Sky News presenter Adrienne Lawler at Gateshead International Stadium with over 750 delegates from across Local Government

The awards attracted near to 400 entries from councils across England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland

The APSE Service Awards are unique in the local government calendar because they are dedicated to awarding excellence in front line local government public services

The judging panels look for examples of best practice, innovation and evidence of service improvements and better outcomes for the service users.

APSE is a not for profit local government organisation working with over 300 local authorities, police, fire and civil defence authorities throughout the UK

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