

Winners on the frontline

The best in frontline public services was celebrated at the APSE annual service awards 2010 hosted in Derry / Londonderry.

Over 300 submissions were received for the prestigious awards which recognise those councils and service providers that have delivered excellence in frontline services.

Paul O'Brien, Chief Executive of APSE said *'Whilst the debate about the future of our public services still rages, councils are quietly getting on with the job of delivering on frontline services. People value services such as school meals, park, highways and refuse collections and that is what these awards are all about. We should proudly celebrate the contribution such services make to people in our communities'*.

- The awards dinner, kindly sponsored by LACA (Local Authorities Caterers Association) was attended by over 400 people from across the UK and hosted by Irish Television presenter and celebrity Sile Seoige.
- The host council was Derry City Council and Derry / Londonderry has been named the first UK City of Culture for 2013.
- The winner of the overall council of the year for service delivery is Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
- The full list of winners within each category is listed below:

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Winners by category

Best Employee & equality initiative

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Ballymena Borough Council

Best Elected member development initiative

Sponsored By Toltec

Kirklees Council

Best Housing & regeneration initiative

Sponsored By Walker Morris

Carmarthenshire County Council

Best Efficiency initiative
Sponsored By Working Time Solutions
City of Edinburgh Council

Best Healthy living initiative
Sponsored By Fretwell Downing Hospitality
Coleraine Borough Council

Best Public/ private partnership working
Sponsored By Eversheds
South Derbyshire District Council

Best Public/ public partnership working
Sponsored By DAF Trucks
Conwy County Borough Council/ Denbighshire County Council

Best Public/ voluntary partnership working
Sponsored By Amey
East Ayrshire Council

Best Community & neighbourhood initiative
Sponsored By City Building (Glasgow) LLP
Aberdeen City Council

Best Information & communication technology initiative
Sponsored By Consilium Technologies
Kingstown Works Limited

Best Environmental initiative
Sponsored By Heil Europe
South Gloucestershire Council

Best service team Construction & building
Sponsored By Scotshield
South Lanarkshire Council

Best service team Catering
Sponsored By Stellex
Birmingham City Council

Best service team Building/ facilities cleaning
Sponsored By NI Local Government Staff Commission
Staffordshire County Council

Best service team Highways, winter maintenance & Street lighting
Sponsored By Triscan Systems Limited
Cornwall Council

Best Service Team Transport & Fleet
Sponsored By Northgate Plc
Wakefield Council

Best Service Team Waste & Recycling
Sponsored By APTUS Personnel
Durham County Council

Best Service Team Streetscene & Public Realm
Sponsored By Enterprise
Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council

Best Service Team Parks, Grounds & Horticultural
Sponsored By SGM Contracts LLP
Stockton on Tees Borough Council

Best Service Team Sports, Leisure & Cultural
Sponsored By Derry/ Londonderry City of Culture
Sheffield City Council

Best Service Team Social Care
Sponsored By Unison
Inverclyde Council

Overall Council of the Year in Service Delivery
Sponsored By LACA
Stockton on Tees Borough Council

Notes to editors

- APSE is the Association for Public Service Excellence and is a not for profit organisation working with councils throughout the UK
- APSE supports and promotes excellence in frontline public services delivered through local government, police and fire and rescue services
- Over 300 submissions were received for the service awards with just 22 awards available
- The award submissions are used to promote and share best practice amongst councils throughout the UK
- For more information or to request an interview please contact Mo Baines on mbaines@apse.org.uk or call 0161 772 1810
- For free press images of award winners or finalists with presenter Sile Seoige please contact Jenny Hughes on jhuges@apse.org.uk