



Ship shape and Bristol fashion: The best line up for the APSE service awards 2011

Finalists in the APSE service awards 2011 have been named and the lucky finalists will be heading to Bristol in September to see if they are amongst the winners in frontline local government services. Commenting on the awards APSE Chief Executive Paul O'Brien said *"Whilst times are tough innovation and dedication are the golden threads running through public service delivery. The UK would be a poorer place if it were not for the vital services delivered by local councils. These finalists show that local councils have had the tenacity to deliver world class services despite the financial pressures that they have faced."*

He added *"We should proudly celebrate their success and share best practice"*.

The finalists are decided by a panel of expert judges and winners will be announced at a special ceremony on Thursday 8 September 2011 at Brunels Old Station Bristol*.

The finalists in each category are as follows:

Best employment & equality initiative

Aberdeen City Council
City & County of Swansea
Newcastle City Council
North Lanarkshire Council
Nottingham City Council
Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
South Lanarkshire Council
Stockton on Tees Borough Council

Best elected member development initiative

Bristol City Council
Powys County Council
Warrington Borough Council

Best housing & regeneration initiative

City of Edinburgh Council
Clackmannanshire Council
East Renfrewshire Council

Leicestershire County Council
South Yorkshire Police
Wolverhampton Homes

Best efficiency initiative

Belfast City Council
Brent Housing Partnership
City of Edinburgh Council
Dorset Works Organisation
Larne Borough Council
Leicestershire County Council
Solutions SK
South Tyneside Homes

Best healthy living initiative

East Ayrshire Council
East Lothian Council
East Riding of Yorkshire Council
Gedling Borough Council
Leicester City Council
North Lanarkshire Council
Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
South Ayrshire Council

Best public/private partnership working

Bristol City Council
Cleveland police Authority
Liverpool City Council
Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
South Gloucestershire Council
South Lanarkshire Council
South Yorkshire police
Warrington Borough Council & Manchester Working Ltd

Best public/public partnership working

Denbighshire County Council
East Renfrewshire Council
Gateshead Council
Rossendale Borough Council
Salford City Council
Tayside Contracts
Trafford/Stockport & Wigan Councils

Wolverhampton City Council

Best public/voluntary partnership working

Broxtowe Borough Council

Fife Council

Gedling Borough Council

Larne Borough Council

Milton Keynes Council

Peterborough City Council

South Gloucestershire Council

Strathclyde Fire & Rescue

Best community & neighbourhood initiative

A1 Housing Bassetlaw Ltd

Clackmannanshire Council

Durham County Council

Milton Keynes Council

Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council

Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council

South Gloucestershire Council

South Yorkshire Police

Best information & communication technology

Bristol City Council

Broxtowe Borough Council

City & County of Swansea

Darlington Borough Council

Glasgow City Council

Salford City Council

Stoke on Trent City Council

Thurrock Council

Best environmental initiative

Aberdeen City Council

Belfast City Council

Leicestershire County Council

London Borough of Merton

Renfrewshire Council

South Tyneside Homes

Stafford Borough Council

Tayside Contracts

Best service team: Construction & building

City & County of Swansea
Darlington Borough Council
Derbyshire County Council
Kingstown Works Limited
Newcastle City Council
South Lanarkshire Council
South Tyneside Homes

Best service team: Catering service

Cardiff Council
Dumfries & Galloway Council
Gateshead Council
Liverpool City Council
North Lanarkshire Council
Salford City Council
Scottish Borders Council
Stockton on Tees Borough Council

Best service team: Building/facilities cleaning service

Dumfries & Galloway Council
East Ayrshire Council
Gateshead Council
Hull City Council
Liverpool City Council
Middlesbrough Council
Warwickshire County Council

Best service team: Highways, winter maintenance and street lighting service

Conwy County Borough Council and Denbighshire County Council
Newcastle City Council
South Ayrshire Council
South Gloucestershire Council
Staffordshire County Council
Stockton on Tees Borough Council

Best service team: Transport and fleet service

Dumfries & Galloway Council
East Renfrewshire Council
Fife Council
Gateshead Council
Powys County Council

Stockton on Tees Borough Council
Thurrock Council
Wakefield Council

Best service team: Waste and refuse management service

Bath & North East Somerset Council
Bridgend County Borough Council
City & County of Swansea
Conwy County Borough Council
Maidstone Borough Council
Newcastle City Council
Scarborough Borough Council
Solutions SK

Best service team: Street cleansing & streetscene services

Broxtowe Borough Council
East Riding of Yorkshire Council
Gedling Borough Council
Milton Keynes Council
Nottingham City Council
Wakefield Council

Best service team: Parks, grounds and horticultural service

Broxtowe Borough Council
City of Edinburgh Council
Gateshead Council
Nottingham City Council
Sefton Council
Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council

Best service team: Sports, leisure and cultural service

Broxtowe Borough Council
City of Edinburgh Council
East Riding of Yorkshire Council
Gedling Borough Council
Reading Borough Council
Sheffield City Council
South Somerset District Council

Best service team: Social care service

Bridgend County Borough Council
Durham County Council

Manchester City Council
Northamptonshire County Council
Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council
Thurrock Council

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Notes to editors

- APSE is the Association for Public Service Excellence
- APSE works with over 250 local councils throughout the UK. It is a not for profit body dedicated to promoting and supporting excellence in frontline service delivery
- For press quotes or to arrange for interview, please contact Mo Baines on mbaines@apse.org.uk
- For information about the awards and finalists attendance at the awards please email Louise McMillan on LMcMillan@apse.org.uk
- The nominated event charity is Parkinsons UK. Thank you to APSE members for your continued support to this important charity