

'Perfect 10' for premium performers

Councils throughout the UK were celebrating the best performers in local government front line services as over 400 representatives of local councils came together to hear the winners of the APSE performance networks awards 2008, announced by actress and TV presenter Denise Welch.

Cllr Leon Unczur, APSE's past national chair said *'When the public sector is charged with delivering better and more efficient public services in the face of an economic downturn there has never been a better time to really examine how councils perform at the frontline' adding 'tonight's best performers and those showing the best levels of improvement are demonstrating that they care about the bottom line just as passionately as they care about quality front line public services'.*

- The APSE performance networks awards formed part of a high profile seminar which explored best practice in performance management within the public sector including a guest speak from the USA city of Baltimore to explore how American cities count the cost and performance of their local public services
- Performance networks is the UK's largest voluntary benchmarking service in the UK and has just reached its tenth anniversary of data collection, allowing councils to compare costs on everything from the price of a school meal to the cost of collecting a wheelie bin per household.
- The awards reflect a culture of improvement in local government recognising those that have performed best or have shown a clear improvement in the delivery of services looking at a series of performance indicators including cost, quality and customer satisfaction indicators

Mark Bramah, APSE Assistant Chief Executive said *' Ten years on performance networks is going from strength to strength proving that in local government we will go onwards and upwards to improve local council services.'*

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Best performer for building cleaning

Sponsored by Jark Recruitment

Winner: Hartlepool Borough Council

Finalists:

Birmingham City Council

Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council

Hartlepool Borough Council

Sheffield City Council

St Helens Metropolitan Borough Council

Stoke-on-Trent City Council

Warrington Council

Most improved performer for building cleaning

Sponsored by Jark Recruitment

Winner: Wolverhampton City Council

Finalists:

Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council

Nottinghamshire County Council

Orkney Islands Council

Torfaen County Borough Council

Wolverhampton City Council

Wrexham County Borough Council

Best performer for building maintenance

Sponsored by SunGuard Public Sector

Winner: Clackmannanshire Council

Finalists:

A1 Housing - Bassetlaw District Council

Clackmannanshire Council

North Ayrshire Council

Waveney District Council

Dundee City Council

Sunderland City Council

Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council

Most improved performer for building maintenance

Sponsored by SunGuard Public Sector

Winner: A1 Housing - Bassetlaw District Council

Finalists:

A1 Housing - Bassetlaw District Council

Clackmannanshire Council

Copeland Homes

New Prospect Housing Ltd

City and County of Swansea

Best performer for civic, cultural and community venues

Sponsored by Toltec

Winner: North East Lincolnshire District Council - Freeman Street Resource and Community Centre

Finalists:

Bolton Metropolitan Borough Council – Albert Halls,

Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council - Baglan Community Centre

Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council - Sandfields Community Centre

North East Lincolnshire District Council - Freeman Street Resource and Community Centre

Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council –Hurst Road Community Centre

Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council - West Bromwich Community Centre

Most improved performer for civic, cultural and community venues

Sponsored by Toltec

Winner: Rochdale Boroughwide Cultural Trust - Heywood Civic Centre

Finalists:

Halton Borough Council - Grangeway Community Centre

Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council - Baglan Community Centre

Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council - Sandfields Community Centre

North East Lincolnshire District Council - Freeman Street Resource and Community Centre

Rochdale Boroughwide Cultural Trust - Heywood Civic Centre

Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council - Hurst Road Community Centre

Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council - West Bromwich Community Centre

Best performer for education catering

Sponsored by Fretwell-Downing Hospitality

Winner: Bridgend County Borough Council

Finalists:

Bridgend County Borough Council

Cheshire County Council

Manchester City Council

Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council

Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council

Wakefield Metropolitan District Council

Most improved performer for education catering

Sponsored by Fretwell-Downing Hospitality

Winner: Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council

Finalists:

Cheshire County Council

East Ayrshire Council

London Borough of Greenwich

Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council

Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council

Wolverhampton City Council

Best performer for highways and winter maintenance

Sponsored by Lanes Group

Winner: Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council

Finalists:

Aberdeen City Council

Dorset County Council

Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council

Mansfield District Council

Midlothian Council

Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council

Most improved performer for highways and winter maintenance

Sponsored by Lanes Group

Winner: Glasgow City Council

Finalists:

Glasgow City Council

Middlesbrough Council

Nottinghamshire County Council

Mansfield District Council

Midlothian Council

Best performer for parks, open spaces and horticultural services

Sponsored by SGM (UK) Ltd

Winner: Copeland Borough Council

Finalists:

Bradford City Metropolitan District Council

Burnley Borough Council

Chesterfield Borough Council

Copeland Borough Council

Halton Borough Council

Wigan Leisure and Culture Trust

Most improved performer for parks, open spaces and horticultural services

Sponsored by SGM (UK) Ltd

Winner: Halton Borough Council

Finalists:

Broxtowe Borough Council

Copeland Borough Council

Halton Borough Council

Newark and Sherwood District Council

St Helens Metropolitan Borough Council

Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council

Best performer for refuse collection

Sponsored by Vision Techniques

Winner: East Riding of Yorkshire Council

Finalists:

Bridgend County Borough Council

Carlisle City Council

East Lothian Council

East Riding of Yorkshire Council

North Lincolnshire Council

Peterborough City Council

Most improved performer for refuse collection

Sponsored by Vision Techniques

Winner: Belfast City Council

Finalists:

Belfast City Council

Erewash Borough Council

North Lincolnshire Council

Southampton City Council

Wolverhampton City Council

Best performer for sports and leisure facility management

Sponsored by Walker Morris

Winner: Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council - Dunes Leisure Centre

Finalists:

Bedford Borough Council - Robinson Pool

Broxtowe Borough Council - Bramcote Leisure Centre

Chester and District Sport and Recreation Trust-Northgate Arena

East Riding of Yorkshire Council - Beverley Leisure Centre

North Lincolnshire Council - Ancholme Leisure Centre

Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council - Dunes Leisure Centre

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Copeland Borough Council - Copeland Pool

East Riding of Yorkshire Council - Beverley Leisure Centre

Leicester City Council - Evington Pool

North Lincolnshire Council - Ancholme Leisure Centre

Northampton Borough Council - Danes Camp

Preston City Council - Fulwood Leisure Centre

Best performer for street cleansing

Sponsored by Consilium Technologies

Winner: Chorley Council

Finalists:

Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council

Chorley Council

Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council

East Riding of Yorkshire Council

London Borough of Enfield

Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council

Most improved performer for street cleansing

Sponsored by Consilium Technologies

Winner: London Borough of Enfield

Finalists:

Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council

Clackmannanshire Council

London Borough of Enfield

Stirling Council

Best performer for street lighting

Sponsored by Amey

Winner: Denbighshire County Council

Finalists:

Denbighshire County Council

East Lothian Council

East Riding of Yorkshire Council

Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council

Mansfield District Council

Nottinghamshire County Council

Perth & Kinross Council

Most improved performer for street lighting

Sponsored by Amey

Winner: Nottinghamshire County Council

Finalists:

Argyll and Bute Council

Falkirk Council

Hartlepool Borough Council

Kirklees Council

Mansfield District Council

Nottinghamshire County Council

Best performer for transport operations and vehicle maintenance

Sponsored by DAF Trucks

Winner: Southampton City Council

Finalists:

Carlisle City Council

Coventry City Council

East Renfrewshire Council

Erewash Borough Council

Gedling Borough Council

Southampton City Council

Most improved performer for transport operations and vehicle maintenance

Sponsored by DAF Trucks

Winner: London Borough of Tower Hamlets

Finalists:

Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council

Coventry City Council

East Dunbartonshire Council

Gedling Borough Council

London Borough of Tower Hamlets

Southampton City Council

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