

Healthy community accolades for Scotland 2008

East Ayrshire council triumphed as winners in the Outstanding Achievement in Catering at APSE Scotland's healthy community awards proving to other finalists that they are truly pulling out all the stops when it comes to catering in schools. Robin Gourlay, Head of Service for East Ayrshire council, said: *"I am delighted that we have been recognised for the award. I know that we were up against stiff competition."*

In the category of Outstanding Achievement in Building Cleaning, a delighted Lorna Clark from Tayside Contracts gladly accepted the award and dedicated it to the hard work and commitment of the staff saying: *"I am overwhelmed by this award and it represents an overall great team effort."*

The Highland Council fought off fierce competition to win the award for Outstanding Achievement in Sports, Leisure and Culture. Jonathon Ward said: *"Judging by the competition we were up against, I knew that it would be difficult to win, but I am delighted we have and can't wait to celebrate with my team."*

APSE's Principal Advisor for Scotland, Pat Taggart, praised the efforts of local authorities. He said: *"These accolades are testament to the high standard of achievement being carried out by all Scottish councils."*

Mr Taggart added: *"Behind the front of house staff in these services there is a whole army of people committed to delivering the very best in catering, cleaning, sports leisure and cultural services – all making a very valuable contribution to the health of our communities here in Scotland' adding 'Without their hard work and determination the public sector would not be able to meet the challenge of developing healthier communities for our future generations."*

Other finalists included:-

Outstanding achievement in catering;

- Aberdeen City Council
- Dumfries and Galloway Council
- Glasgow City Council
- Renfrewshire Council
- Tayside Contracts

Outstanding achievement in cleaning;

- Midlothian Council
- North Lanarkshire Council
- Tayside Contracts

Outstanding achievement in sports, leisure and culture;

- Argyll & Bute Council
- Clackmannanshire Council
- Dundee Council
- South Lanarkshire Council
- City of Edinburgh Council
- The Moray Council

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Promoting excellence in local government services the APSE Healthy Community awards were developed to showcase the examples of excellence in Scotland in services that contribute to the health and well being of citizens including building cleaning services, catering services and sports, leisure and cultural services.

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