



Transport Apprentice of The Year Ratchets up Success!

Joanne Allen of Derbyshire County Council was delighted to be named the Association for Public Service Excellence (APSE) Transport Apprentice of the Year – particularly after completing two sets of exams within one year!

Joanne impressed judges when she explained that having decided to move from light to heavy fleet and vehicle maintenance she had to sit a second set of exams but this didn't dampen her enthusiasm for a career in Derbyshire County Councils fleet and transport services. Describing her success as 'Unbelievably *fantastic!*' Joanne collected her award from APSE chief executive Paul O'Brien who said '*Joanne competed with really strong candidates from across the UK but her outstanding attitude was what really impressed our judges*'.

Mr O'Brien added "*The public can see and value refuse collection, street cleaning, education transport and a whole range of other services but without people like Joanne in the background that keep the Council fleet moving these services could not be delivered. She is part of the unseen engineer room of local services and it is a commendable career choice for a young woman of her calibre*"

Other shortlisted candidates included:

- Paul Bickerton, Sefton MBC
- Kenneth Hynd, Tayside Contracts
- Charlotte Calvert, East Riding of Yorkshire Council
- Dale Hic, Wakefield Metropolitan District Council
- Danny Adams, London Borough of Greenwich

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Notes to editors

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APSE promotes excellence in front line service and encourages local authorities to involve their front line services in apprenticeship schemes

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