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Congratulations to all our winners

What a fantastic job local authority teams have all done during the past year judging by the amazing number and variety of entries they submitted to The MJ Local Government Achievement Awards 2022! And what a wonderful gala celebration luncheon we enjoyed at the Park Plaza Hotel, Westminster, London on June 24 when one of the most experienced foreign correspondents and anchor man to the BBC News Channel, Clive Myrie, announced the winners of our 18 categories to an audience of 900 guests.

Over the following pages you will find the names of the winners and highly commended in the local authority teams selected by our panels of independent judges.

Congratulations goes to all the council teams for doing such an amazing job – and a big thanks as well for telling us and the world about their achievements.

Our judges had a really challenging task picking the winners from such high quality entries and the results can be found over the following pages. Thanks again go to our judges, our sponsors who make these awards possible and most of all the local authority teams for delivering such amazing services to their communities. See you next year!



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Local Authority of the Year

WINNER

Telford and Wrekin Council

JUDGES

Deborah Cadman,

Chief Executive, Birmingham City Council

Tracey Lee,

Chief Executive, Plymouth City Council

Neil Lupin,

Managing Partner, Green Park

Paul Martin,

Interim Chief Executive, London Borough of Ealing

Joanne Roney,

Chief Executive, Manchester City Council

Jenny Rowlands,

Chief Executive, London Borough of Camden

Rachael Shimmin,

Chief Executive, Buckinghamshire Council



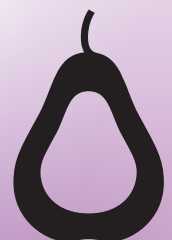
Clive Myrie, Cllr Carolyn Healy, Cllr Lee Carter, Cllr Paul Watling, Cllr Shirley Reynolds, Simon Wellman, Jo Britton, Cllr Shaun Davis, Cllr Richard Overton, Dean Sargeant, Jonathan Rowe, Cllr Eileen Callear, Felicity Mercer, Sue Wilson, Sarah Dillon, Neil Lupin (Green Park).

With a broad range of excellent core services, Telford and Wrekin Council is a place shaper with a positive approach to its partnerships. It also has a dynamic and robust focus on its residents. A sense of empowerment is felt across its staff community, with inclusive leadership at the heart of decision making. Indeed, staff cite 'making a difference to communities' as their number one reason for working there. While the council is a leader in areas such as children's services, its 'hyper local' approach to service delivery also enables it to quickly make a positive difference in very targeted areas.

Leaders Leading by Example

It is time to recognise the leaders who have demonstrated in their work the essence of leadership, humility, resilience, and commitment to public services.

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Chief Executive of the Year

WINNER

Monica Fogarty
Chief Executive,
Warwickshire County Council

JUDGES

Ade Adetosoye, Chief Executive, London Borough of Bromley

Alison Griffin, Chief Executive, London Councils

Joanne Roney, Chief Executive, Manchester City Council

Kate Kennally, Chief Executive, Cornwall Council

Alison McKenzie-Folan, Chief Executive, Wigan Metropolitan Borough Council

Carolyn Downs, Chief Executive, London Borough of Brent



Clive Myrie, Monica Fogarty, Dawar Hashmi (Penna).

Under Monica's leadership, Warwickshire CC has shown excellent performance, innovative approach, and visionary thinking. Monica has had a phenomenal year in which she has advanced the objectives of the council with agile working and financial resilience, whilst maintaining the best and highest standards of quality for residents and service users. Monica is the very essence of leadership, resilience, and commitment to public services making her a clear standout for this award.

The Association for Public Service Excellence was proud to sponsor the “Best Council Services Team” category at the MJ Awards 2022: Congratulations to all of this year’s finalists!



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Chris Cutforth, APSE National Secretary and Major Works Group Leader, Swansea City Council

Cllr Andrea Lewis, APSE National Chair and Deputy Leader, Swansea City Council

Paul O'Brien, Chief Executive, APSE

Lindsay Towler, Head of Business Resources, APSE

HIGHLY COMMENDED:

Kirklees Metropolitan Borough Council

Best Council Services Team

WINNER

London Borough of Redbridge



Bethany McCay, Suzanne Lansley, Clive Myrie, Brett Leahy, Paul O'Brien (APSE).

The London Borough of Redbridge showcases how to deliver a 21st century service to communities. Its planning team has embraced a joined up approach with phenomenal outcomes, providing improvements across the authority and proving that an excellent planning department can have a major impact on the lives and the surroundings of the whole area.



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Best EV Charging Project

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Gary Cook, Deputy Director and Joint Head of the Office for Zero Emission Vehicles, Office for Zero Emission Vehicles, Department for Transport

Robin Heap, CEO, Zest
Kate Laing, Senior Manager, Zero Emission Areas, Transport & Urban Planning, C40 Cities

Caroline Low CBE, Director, Transport Decarbonisation, Department for Transport

Dr Josey Wardle, Innovation Lead – ZEV Infrastructure, Land & Maritime Transport Team, Innovate UK

WINNER

Durham County Council

HIGHLY COMMENDED:

Dundee City Council



Tracy Millmore



Mark Wilkes



Durham CC's Scaling On-Street Charging Infrastructure project sows seeds to democratise charging infrastructure, serving both the city's terraced streets and rural areas with low EV adoption. The project has been characterised by extensive community engagement, social innovations and full integration with the council's wider carbon reduction strategy.

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Best Social Housing Initiative

WINNER

Carmarthenshire County Council

JUDGES

- Mike De'Ath**, Partner, HTA
- Richard Harbord**, Past President, IRRV
- David Magor**, Chief Executive, IRRV
- Alistair Townsend**, President, IRRV

HIGHLY COMMENDED:
London Borough of Southwark



Carly Thomas, Louise Walters, Jayne Samuel, Kathryn Pink, Kelly Wood, Angela Bowen, Gareth Williams, Kay Morgans, Scott Gould, Clive Myrie, Alistair Townsend (IRRV).

The judges were impressed by Carmarthenshire’s commitment to the wellbeing of the growing number of your people who were presenting as homeless. The council has created a project, with support from the Welsh Government, which creates a safe and sustainable transition that prepares young people for independent living and into sustained longer term secured homes. The activate participation of the young people in the project and in its presentation to the judging panel was outstanding.



**Congratulations to
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Care & Health Integration

JUDGES

Adam Brimelow, Director of Communications, NHS Providers

Tom Stannard, Chief Executive, Salford City Council

HIGHLY COMMENDED:

Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council (Home and Community Support Team)

WINNER

Essex County Council



Clive Myrie, Matthew Barnett, Matt Williamson, Meghan Maguire, Russell White, Sarah Collins, Gerdalize Dutoit, Michael Plant, Peter Fairley, James Jamieson (LGA).

Essex CC's initiative Connect: Transforming Health and Care Services in Essex had a really clear breadth of partnerships involving a number of big providers in a complex landscape. It showed good evidence of cost avoidance and impressive outcomes on the size and scale of cohorts of people it supported in the community. In particular, it showed impressive evidence of the numbers of people who had avoided admissions to hospital as a result of their interventions and partnership work. This was an ambitious well-executed programme, carefully developed on the basis of rigorous diagnostic work and pilots.

Congratulations to today's winners!

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Community Heroes

JUDGES

- Nick Kilby**, Chief Executive, Cratus
- Charlotte Platten**, Head of Advisory Programme, Cratus
- Chris Roberts**, Senior Associate, Cratus
- Andrew Taylor**, Director of Planning, Countryside
- Sophie Timms**, Corporate Affairs Director, Kier Group

HIGHLY COMMENDED:

- South Norfolk & Broadland Councils (Ketteringham Depot)**
- Great Yarmouth Borough Council (Community Champions)**

WINNER

Tracy Cunningham, Derby City Council



Clive Myrie, Tracy Cunningham, Charlotte Platten (Cratus).

Tracy Cunningham, the council's Safespace Community Paramedic is this year's Community Hero. The judges felt that she went above and beyond her duties as a paramedic to help the city become national leaders in vaccinating the homeless. Tracy challenges both her community and the council to deliver real, lasting impact.

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Geoff Raw, Chief Executive, Brighton & Hove Council
Will Tuckley, Chief Executive, London Borough of Tower Hamlets

HIGHLY COMMENDED:

Victoria Eaton, Director of Public Health, Leeds City Council

Corporate Director of the Year

WINNER

Nigel Minns,
Strategic Director for People,
Warwickshire County Council



Clive Myrie, Nigel Minns, Jes Ladva (Odgers Interim).

A worthy winner in an incredibly competitive field, Nigel showed effective leadership across complex and demanding service areas as well as contributing corporately. His inspiring leadership style was delivered with humility and ambition for all. A focus on outcomes and rigorous use of data to validate them shone through.



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Delivering Better Outcomes

WINNER

London Borough of Enfield

JUDGES

Helen Archer-Lock, Managing Director, Recruitment Division, Commercial Services Group

Amanda Beer, Corporate Director of People & Communications, Kent County Council

Kevin O'Keefe, Chief Executive, Dudley Borough Council

Robin Porter, Chief Executive, Luton Borough Council

Carolyn Williamson, Chief Executive, Hampshire County Council

Leigh Whitehouse, Deputy Chief Executive/Director of Resources, Surrey County Council

HIGHLY COMMENDED:

Staffordshire Moorlands District Council and High Peak Borough Council

London Borough of Brent



Clive Myrie, Su Geyik, James Carrick, Ian Davis, Olivia Wittich, Peter Nathan, Tammy Day, Mervin Cato, Helen Archer-Lock (Commercial Services Group).

The Enfield Nexus project clearly demonstrates what can be achieved through the collaboration, coordination and empowerment of partners and communities to deliver better outcomes. The submission and presentation were great examples of being galvanized by an issue, applying talent and drive and then building on the momentum created to reach a significant number of young people.



Congratulations to all
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Digital Transformation Award!

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Digital Transformation

WINNER

Carmarthenshire County Council

JUDGES

Bayo Dosunmo, Deputy Chief Executive, London Borough of Lambeth

Emma Moore, Chief Operating Officer, City of London Corporation.

Geoff Raw, Chief Executive, Brighton and Hove City Council

Jonathan Swain, Senior Partner, The McLean Partnership

HIGHLY COMMENDED:

Durham County Council (Tech to Tackle Litter)



Clive Myrie, Sarah Vaughan, Carla Dix, Jonathan Swain (McLean Partnership).

In an exceptionally strong field, the judges were impressed with not only the ambition and scale of Delta Connect, the council's health and social care digital transformation programme but also the passion and commitment of those who have delivered it – and continue to do so. Judges called it 'truly impressive.'

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE
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UP, & ALL THOSE WHO ENTERED,
& TO ALL THEIR FAMILIES & ALL
THEIR COLLEAGUES & TO THEIR
TEACHERS & THEIR ALLIES &
TO EVERYONE ELSE WHO HAS
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Innovation in Building Diversity and Inclusion

WINNER

South Lanarkshire Council

JUDGES

Juliette Alban-Metcalf, Chief Executive, Real World Group (Ltd)

Charlotte Croffie, Partner, Local Government, GatenbySanderson

Mark Hodgkinson, Chief Executive, Scope, Co-chair, Disability Charities Consortium

Tony Osude, Commercial and Marketing Director, CIPD (business, commercial and international)

HIGHLY COMMENDED:

Worcestershire County Council



Clive Myrie, Tommy Bennett, Pamela Newey, Jonathan Read, Nancy Scott (Gatenby Sanderson).

This entry provided insight into the discrimination and disadvantage faced by the gypsy/ traveller community. It highlighted how working together with the local authority while respecting and appreciating cultural differences and ways of engagement supported self-advocacy, digital literacy, skill development, improved living conditions, broader engagement and reciprocal knowledge transfer and learning. This stood out as a real human story that can be mapped and replicated across different E&D areas promoting inclusion and social justice.

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Hampton's Resourcing is proud to be sponsoring this years MJ Awards, Innovation in Children's and Adult Services award.

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Innovation in Children's and Adults' Services

WINNER

City of Wolverhampton Council

JUDGES

Graham Farrant, Chief Executive, BCP Council
Monica Fogerty, Chief Executive, Warwickshire CC
Jane Parfremment, Chief Executive, Staff College
Simon Ray, Director, Hampton's Resourcing
Jacky Tiotto, Chief Executive Officer, Cafcass

HIGHLY COMMENDED:

Manchester City Council (New Arrivals)



Clive Myrie, Cllr Ian Brookfield, Cllr Beverley Momenabadi, Osarende Iyawe, Rachel King, Hannah Bates, Alison Hinds, Kellie Hines, Simon Ray (Hampton's Resourcing).

Wolverhampton's unique voluntary coalition is delivering outstanding outcomes for young people suffering from trauma and its innovative approach with its initiative Power2 is emotional and heart-warming. Its pilot scheme has really developed and consistently grown over the last 12 months and has continued to demonstrate real value and inspiration. Wolverhampton showed a dedicated level of passion, commitment and creativity in how it engages with young people. Judges said: 'We need to bottle this innovation for the whole of the sector.'



Congratulations to all winners and finalists of The MJ Awards 2022 from Local Partnerships

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Cllr Bev Craig, Leader, Manchester City Council
Sharon Kemp, Chief Executive, Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
Simon McWhirter, Director of Communications, Policy & Places, UKGBC
Jo Wall, Strategic Director, Climate Response, Local Partnerships

HIGHLY COMMENDED:
Wokingham Borough Council

Leadership in Responding to the Climate Emergency

WINNER

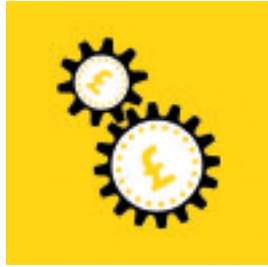
London Borough of Enfield/London Borough of Waltham Forest, supported by London Councils



Clive Myrie, Dominic Millen, Kate Hand, John Coker, Eloise Shepherd, Ian Davis, Cllr Ahsan Khan, Jamie Carswell, Joanne Drew, Alex Sewell, Caroline Hampton-White (Local Partnerships).

Domestic retrofit at scale and pace is crucial and one of the most challenging issues in tackling climate emergency as the varying nature of tenure, property types and marginal financial returns form a complex jigsaw. London Councils' combined working, delivering technical and financial solutions, is genuinely ground-breaking and provides potential solutions to a much wider range of councils.

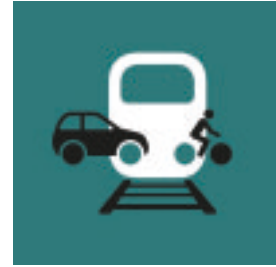
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Place Based Approach to Health Equity

WINNER

London Borough of Newham

JUDGES

Chair: Carol Brayne CBE, Professor of Public Health Medicine in the Department of Public Health and Primary Care, University of Cambridge, Director of Cambridge Public Health

Ravi Gurumurthy, Governor, the Health Foundation, Chief Executive, Nesta, Chair, Behavioural Insights Team

Jonathan McShane, Chair of Trustees, Terrence Higgins Trust

Katherine Merrifield, Assistant Director in Healthy Lives, the Health Foundation

Gwen Nightingale, Assistant Director in Healthy Lives, the Health Foundation

HIGHLY COMMENDED:

Newcastle City Council
North Lanarkshire Council



Clive Myrie, Dr Rima Vaid, Jo Bibby (The Health Foundation), John Rooke, Colin Ansell, Dr Muhammad Naqvi, Jason Strelitz, Andy Gold, Carly Clarke, Lizzie Owen, Cllr Sarah Ruiz, Hafsa Elmi, Cllr Carleene Lee-Phakoe, Audrey Johnson, Adeola Agbebiyi, Cllr Neil Wilson.

Newham impressed us with its leadership endorsement, community co-production, and multiple stakeholder involvement. In Well Newham: 50 Steps to a Healthier Borough it demonstrated a cascaded model of aligned goals and indicators, with practical action and clear accountability throughout. It is manifestly a collective endeavour focused on local wider determinants. The one-year progress report reinforces this sense of momentum, energy and enthusiasm.

Celebrating the people we can all look up to.

There are **Rising Stars** in every local authority, ready to be noticed, praised and supported. That's why we're proud to continue our involvement and sponsorship of such an important category. There's no better time to recognise and celebrate the sector's future leaders and their incredible efforts, achievements and selfless commitment. All of this year's nominees have demonstrated outstanding qualities during difficult and challenging times. They've raised standards and made the sector stronger. They've taken initiative and transformed bold ambitions into reality. They're not just doing a job, they're working to improve society - a purpose we proudly share. Congratulations to all the finalists, may your careers take you to even further heights.

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Rising Star

WINNER

Grace Couch

Climate and Ecological Emergency
Project Officer, Swale Borough
Council

JUDGES

Helen Anderson, Senior
Consultant, Tile Hill

Nik Shah, Associate Director,
Tile Hill

Neil Taylor, Experienced
Interim Director of Place

Rebecca Wilshire, Director of
Children's Social Care/Deputy
Chief Executive, Doncaster
Children's Services Trust

HIGHLY COMMENDED:

Emily Doorbar, Customer
Services Manager,
Staffordshire County Council

Kristy Thakur, Head of
Community and People
Wellbeing Services,
Hertfordshire County Council



Clive Myrie, Grace Couch, Helen Anderson (Tile Hill).

Grace has already made a huge impact at Swale. From securing external funding for new initiatives, leading awareness events and organising partner steering groups, she has made an enormous contribution to the council's climate change agenda. Grace is a local government rising star of the future and will truly go far.

We're all winners here

Today we're celebrating the best in local government. From the top table team to those just starting out, there's a treasure of talent across authorities.

As proud sponsors and judges of The MJ Senior Leadership Team of the Year award, we're always on the lookout for inspiring leadership talent.



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Senior Leadership Team

WINNER

Chorley Council and South Ribble Borough Council

JUDGES

Niall Bolger, Chief Executive,
London Borough of Hounslow

Councillor Andreas Kirsch,
Royal London Borough of
Kingston upon Thames

Becky Shaw, Chief Executive,
East Sussex County Council

Caroline Simpson, Chief
Executive, Stockport MBC

Ian Thomas, Chief Executive,
Royal London Borough of
Kingston upon Thames

Liz Watts, Chief Executive,
South Cambridgeshire District
Council

Rob Whiteman, Chief
Executive Officer, CIPFA



Clive Myrie, Louise Mattinson, Chris Sinnott, Gary Hall, Vicky Willett, Jonathan Noad, Jennifer Mullin, Julie Towers (Penna).

The energy and clear passion demonstrated by the joint Chorley and South Ribble team, and delivery of a really impressive set of outcomes against a context of significant challenge for not one but two sovereign authorities made them a clear winner. Everyone in both councils should be really proud of their achievements and the well-deserved external accolades they have received.



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Frances Craven, formerly Chief Executive of Sandwell Children’s Trust

Doreen Forrester-Brown, Director of Law and Governance, London Borough of Southwark

Julie Howarth, Director of Engagement, Solace

Graeme McDonald, Managing Director of Solace and Solace in Business

Paul Najsarek, formerly Chief Executive of London Borough of Ealing and Solace Policy Lead Spokesperson for Health and Social Care

Transforming Lives

WINNER

Nottinghamshire County Council/ Nottingham City Council



Clive Myrie, Esther Murray, Deana Goode, Ian Thomas (Solace).

The Future Impact Team runs an exceptional project supporting an important community of individuals to find a way into work and better engagement with their wider community. It has fantastic outcomes which can provide lessons to others wanting to transform people’s lives.



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JUDGES

Tracey Connage, Director of HR & OD, Harrow Council
Steve Davies, Head of London Regional Employers Organisation
Anthony Francis, Director of Client Engagement, Hammond Clarke
Gordon McFarlane, Assistant Director – Corporate Services, Leicestershire County Council
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The councils impressed the panel with their presentation and clear evidence of improvement. Both councils have worked jointly and collaboratively to tackle inequalities. They have improved representation of women and black, Asian and minority ethnic staff at senior levels and they have improved workforce and community engagement with a range of events and meetings.



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Lifetime Achievement Award

Dr Barry Quirk



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Dr Barry Quirk has had a long and distinguished career in local government, spanning 40 years and several London boroughs. His local government career began in Tower Hamlets LBC housing department, working with the homeless – a role that was to have a lasting impression on him.

Dr Quirk served as a councillor in Southwark from 1982-1986, gaining an insight into the political side of local government. He joined Lewisham LBC, rising through the ranks to become chief executive in November 1993, a post he held until 2017.

During his time in the South London borough he took on the role of Government efficiency tsar, and has been one of leading thinkers of the sector, often reimagining the shape of public services, not just in the UK but also through international connections in the USA, Australia and elsewhere. Where Dr Quirk has led, the sector has followed.

But his greatest achievements have people at their heart, including pushing for a second inquest into the New Cross fire, a tragedy in 1981 in which 13 young black people died.

It was another tragedy that has brought what is perhaps his finest hour. Five years ago, in the aftermath of the worst peacetime disaster in London's history – the Grenfell Tower fire – he was seconded to the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, before taking over as full time chief executive.

Since taking on the post he has overhauled the council's governance, values, policy, priorities and management structure. In short, he has transformed the way the council operates and the way it interacts with and serves its communities.

He has worked closely with the bereaved and the survivors of the Grenfell tragedy, often on a one-to-one basis.

He has created a culture of improvement and adaptability, and led the council's COVID response and supported refugees from Afghanistan following the 2021 airlift from Kabul.

Dr Quirk's dedication to local government, academia and to the communities he has served is exemplary. He is public service, integrity and honesty personified.







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