



## LOCAL COUNCILS EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2017

This year on the evening of the 24<sup>th</sup> October we are delighted to be holding the 2017 Local Councils Excellence Awards evening at Cheshire Fire and Rescue HQ, Winsford.

Building on the success of the event held in March 2015 the Cheshire Association of Local Councils and Cheshire West and Chester Council are again joining forces to host an awards ceremony to celebrate the achievements of our town and parish councils.

Having listened to your feedback this year we are splitting each of the awards into 'Larger'<sup>1</sup> and 'Smaller'<sup>2</sup> Council categories to encourage our smaller and medium sized councils to participate. Why not join us this year to recognise and celebrate the vital role that you, our local councils, play.

There are a number of different awards – which one will your council enter?

### AWARDS:

#### 1. Working in Partnership

In this category we were looking for examples of where local councils had collaborated with others to generate service improvements and community satisfaction.

#### 2. Providing care and support in the community

This category sought examples of where local councils have used their powers to influence, design and in some cases deliver people focused services, particularly for vulnerable local residents.

#### 3. Innovation in Service Delivery – doing things differently

In this category we looked for examples of local councils who were prepared to challenge the status quo and adopt more creative approaches to getting things done.

#### 4. Effective Communications

This category recognised the importance of local councils as conduits for the exchange of information. We were looking for local councils who had achieved effective communication through traditional and/or innovative approaches.

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<sup>1</sup> Electorate in excess of 6000

<sup>2</sup> Electorate less than 6000

## **5. Community Involvement**

This category sought to showcase the depth and breadth of community campaigns and projects championed by local councils and involving local people.

## **6. Rural woman of the year**

This is an ideal opportunity to recognise the work of women working in the rural communities of Cheshire West and Cheshire. Entries must be on behalf of women who live in West Cheshire. They need not be public figures but can be from any walk of life and have given considerable service to their community. They are often unsung heroines who undertake voluntary work that makes a significant impact.

## **7. Outstanding Service - Clerk**

The local council clerk has a critical role to play in the effective operation of any local council. This award recognises those individuals who have gone above and beyond the call of duty in fulfilling this role.

## **8. Outstanding Service - Councillor**

Town and parish councillors invest a great deal of themselves in their local community with no financial reward or compensation. This award sought to showcase the work of these committed individuals without whom local councils would not function.

## **9. Council of the Year**

This award looked for the local council which was able to demonstrate a level of excellence and innovation that took their work beyond basic service provision and offered learning to other councils.

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## **HOW TO ENTER**

For further information contact Jackie Weaver ([jackieweaver@chalc.org.uk](mailto:jackieweaver@chalc.org.uk)) or Pam Bradley ([PAM.BRADLEY@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](mailto:PAM.BRADLEY@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk)) or if you are ready to enter **NOW** please complete the attached application form.

## **CLOSING DATE**

Please make sure your application is returned by **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2017.**

## **APPLICATIONS TO:**

**Hazel Merrill**  
**Cheshire Association of Local Councils**  
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## LOCAL COUNCILS EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2017 APPLICATION FORM

Name of Council:

Award being entered (please tick by the relevant category):

1.	Working in Partnership	
2.	Providing care and support in the community	
3.	Innovation in Service Delivery – doing things differently	
4.	Effective Communications	
5.	Community Involvement	
6.	Rural woman of the year	
7.	Outstanding Service - Clerk	
8.	Outstanding Service - Councillor	
9.	Council of the Year	

Please provide details of why your Council, Clerk or Councillor should be considered for this award (*you may use supplementary sheets for additional information*)

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**Return by 29<sup>th</sup> September 2017 to:**

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