

Local Government Awards 2018

Winners Announced



Representatives from the National Association of Councillors attended the Local Government Awards ceremony that took place on Friday 12 October at the Armagh City Hotel.

At the event, which was co-ordinated by NILGA and APSE and hosted by Sarah Travers, there were 29 finalists that had been selected from 78 entries received by the organisers for this year's competition.

Following opening remarks from Councillor Dermot Curran, the NILGA President and Paul O'Brien, the ASPE Chief Executive, the winners from each of the 9 categories were announced and we are delighted that the National Association of Councillors award for **Best Initiative by a Councillor/Councillor Group** went to:

Councillor Julie Flaherty
Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council



Alderman Michael Henderson MBE, Chairman and Councillor Joe Boyle, Regional Secretary present the National Association of Councillors Award to Councillor Julie Flaherty

The National Association of Councillors would like to thank all Councillors, Councils and Staff that took the time to submit entries for our award category of *Best Initiative by a Councillor/Councillor Group*. As always the standard of entries was high and it was a difficult task to select a winner but we are sure that everyone will agree that Councillor Flaherty is a worthy winner.

Long Serving Councillors Awards

In addition to the Local Government Awards, the National Association of Councillors presented three special **Long Service Awards** in recognition of Councillors that have provided many years of dedicated work in their support of others, and for their outstanding contribution to public and community service. These special National Association of Councillors awards, which had been kept as a closely guarded secret until the awards night, were presented to:

Councillor Dermot Curran – for over 45 years service

**Alderman Jim Speers and Alderman Jim Dillon
– for over 40 years service each**

We hope these are the first of many Councillors eligible to receive long serving awards in the future.



NAC Long Service Awards

L to R: NAC Regional Secretary Councillor Joe Boyle, Alderman Jim Speers MBE, Councillor Dermot Curran, Alderman Jim Dillon MBE JP and NAC Chairman Alderman Michael Henderson MBE,