

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AWARD WINNERS FOR 2022

Clare County Council scooped the 'Local Authority of the Year' accolade for 2022 at the Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards in Dublin, as the 19th Annual Awards ceremony in November 2022, in association with the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage, again served to showcase the best of local government in Ireland.



lan Talbot, Chief Executive of Chambers Ireland said: "Local authorities continue to make substantial impacts across multiple areas of Irish society with wide-ranging positive improvements for local communities and the local economy; the Local Government Awards serve as the platform to highlight the irreplaceable value that results."

He described Clare County Council as the "well-deserved winner" of the overall Local Authority of the Year Award, and congratulated all the category winners, the shortlisted organisations and the people behind the wide range of winning projects.

He added that Clare County Council has shown engagement across the different facets of the community in Clare, with the development and sustainability of its localities and environment, to achieve this accolade.

"Clare County Council deserves to be commended and have earned the award for their commitment to serving their community and raising their area's profile nationally as a stand-out destination," noted the Chambers Ireland Chief Executive.

A total of 16 awards were presented on the night – 15 category awards plus the overall Local Authority of the Year award. Individual awards were sponsored by European Recycling Platform (ERP), the Office of the Planning Regulator, Healthy Ireland, Fáilte Ireland, Truehawk Media, Irish Public Bodies and EirGrid. Specially commissioned crystal awards designed by Waterford Crystal were presented to the winners on the night.

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Initiative through the Municipal Districts Award – Carlow County Council (Ru:Rban – Urbact)

Local Authority of the Year – Clare County Council

Sustaining the Arts Award – Clare County Council (HOUSE! An open-air aerial spectacular)

Festival of the Year Award – Clare County Council (Ennis Mela)

Sustainable Environment Award – Cork City Council (Cork City Council Air Quality Strategy)

Heritage and Built Environment Award – Donegal County Council (Single large-scale heritage-led urban regeneration project in Ramelton)

Diversity & Inclusion Award – Dublin City Council (Academy of the Near Future)

Communications Award – Kildare County Council (Understanding Kildare's County Development Plan)

Supporting Sustainable Communities Award – Limerick City & County Council (New Build Incremental Purchase System)

Promoting Economic Development Award – Limerick City & County Council (Engine Hubs Network)

Enhancing the Urban Environment Award – Limerick City & County Council (Castletroy Urban Greenway)

Supporting Tourism Award – Mayo County Council (Clew Bay Bike Trail)

Climate Change Award – Mayo County Council (Mayo Decarbonising Communities Network)

Local Authority Innovation Award – South Dublin County Council (Think Big Space in partnership with AWS)

Health & Wellbeing Award – Waterford City & County Council (Ireland's First Outdoor Learn-to-Cycle Track in Dungarvan)

Age Friendly Initiative Award – Wexford County Council (Wexford Telehealth Project)

The Excellence in Local Government Awards initiative first began in 2004 to recognise the 'Local Authority of the Year' and many other achievements delivered by local authorities, across a number of categories, which now total 15, including new additions for 2022 – 'Climate Change', 'Communications' and 'Diversity & Inclusion'.