

LGC Awards 2020 28 October 2020

Merton LBC picked up the Environmental Services award at the LGC Awards 2020.

On 28 October more than 1,500 of the most senior figures in British local government gathered for the first ever virtual LGC Awards. The awards were originally scheduled for 28 March at Grosvenor House, London earlier this year, postponed at the last minute with the country being forced into lockdown due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

It was the 24th annual LGC Awards ceremony, held by leading title Local Government Chronicle and hosted by journalist, and presenter of BBC's Today programme, Justin Webb. Winners of the 21 awards categories are the councils doing the most to innovate to ensure they best serve residents in this era of austerity.

The winners of the awards were selected by panels featuring some of the country's most respected council chief executives and other senior council officers who interviewed representatives of the shortlisted councils.

Nick Golding, LGC's editor, said:

"In March we should have gathered at the Grosvenor House Hotel in London. But Covid intervened. So, seven months later, I am frankly relieved to finally say: Welcome to the LGC Awards 2020! This is our annual celebration of local government's innovators. A celebration of those helping the vulnerable or neglected. A celebration of those making our places great. A celebration of those who rarely get the credit they deserve...."

The judges said of **Merton LBC**'s entry:

"The Cleaner Construction for London for greatly impressed the judges because of its ground-breaking innovation and application to the construction industry. Its approach and practical application to enforcement, solution orientated. Replicable on a significant scale. Demonstrable impact the on move to be 'cleaner', influencing the supply chain on the way"

In addition to **Merton LBC** picking up the **Environmental Services** award, the other big winners of the 2020 LGC Awards were Brent LBC who picked up the award for Council of the Year.

The complete list of winners can be found by visiting <u>awards.lgcplus.com</u>

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