

NSCA awards for **Innovation in Sustainable Development**, sponsored by the UK Petroleum Industry Association, recognise exceptional contributions of local authorities to improving local environmental quality and enable the dissemination of models of good practice.

Successfully launched in 1999, the awards are open to all local authorities within the UK.

PURPOSE

Sustainable development is an important unifying concept in many areas of public policy. It now features among the statutory duties of the environment agencies and Regional Development Agency, as well as in the Government's Sustainable Development Strategy. Much useful work has already been undertaken by Local Authorities within the framework of Agenda 21.

The Local Government Act 2000 sets out powers for local authorities to promote the economic, social and environmental well being of their area. This is an important development, and NSCA believes it is essential that local authorities are supported in their use of these powers to promote more effective management of the local environment. In recent years a number of authorities have developed significant and innovative initiatives in this field, which merit public recognition and need to be more widely promoted. These awards were established last year by the society's Local Environment Management Forum, to value and reward local authorities who have been positive and creative in this area. This second year of the programme builds on the success of last year, in encouraging both professional and public recognition of excellence in the field, at local and national level. The scheme will also serve to contribute to the development and dissemination of good practice.

ISD 1999

In 1999 the award scheme attracted interest from over 100 authorities, with 65 submitting entries. Winners attended an award ceremony at the annual NSCA Conference in Brighton in October, where awards were presented by Transport Minister Lord Whitty and President of UK PIA Christian Cleret, before an international audience. At local ceremonies the winners were presented with commemorative trees.



NSCA Trustee Cllr Vin Bloxome presents the City of Sunderland with a silver birch, in recognition of their winning Eco-Rangers scheme



Westminster City Council receive an award for their Clean Air Campaign from Lord Whitty, Parliamentary Secretary of State for the Environment

ISD 2000

SCOPE

For the purposes of the scheme, sustainable development is defined as development which meets economic, social and environmental needs in an integrated and balanced way. Categories have been chosen to ensure that a wide range of initiatives can be considered. It is proposed to make an award in each of the following three areas:

1 Managing the Impact of Local Authority Activities

Good practice in managing the environmental impact of the day to day operations of the local authority. The size of the local authority will be taken into account in assessing the entries in this category.

2 Progressing Sustainability through Partnerships

Examples of local authority working with government and or community organisations on sustainable projects.

3 Using Sustainable Technology

Progressive and original uses of low impact technologies.

Applications will be considered on the following merits:

- 1 Skills, originality, persistence displayed by the development.
- 1 Effectiveness of the innovation in furthering the goal of sustainable development.
- 1 Process by which the innovation was developed, including the nature and extent of consultation and partnership with external interests.

JUDGING

The judging panels for the awards will be chaired by the NSCA President Derek Osborn CB. On the panels will be the President of the UK Petroleum Industry Association, a senior representative of local government, and two independent experts in the field of environmental management.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

An application form for the awards is enclosed. This should be submitted to NSCA by **Friday September 9th 2000**.

To help us manage the application process, a form indicating intention to submit an application is also enclosed. We would be grateful if you could complete and return this as soon as possible.

- 1 Your application should describe the purposes, origins, key features and impacts of your work.
- 1 Authorities may submit applications for more than one award category.
- 1 Shortlisted authorities may be requested to provide further supporting documentation relating to the work entered for the award.

We intend to submit an application for NSCA Awards for **Innovation In Sustainable Development**

Acknowledging Local Authority Achievement

Name of Local Authority: _____

Officer: _____

Position: _____

Tel: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Category: _____

Title of Project: _____

Return to: Mary Stevens, NSCA, 44 Grand Parade, Brighton BN2 2QA (see over)

PRESENTATION OF THE AWARDS

Winners will be notified at the beginning of November. The awards will be presented at a national awards ceremony coordinated by NSCA in London in December. Local presentations will also be made. The Society will provide opportunities for winning and highly commended authorities to publicise their work. Detailed reports on successful projects will be published in Clean Air, the Society's journal in Spring 2001.

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