



# **Awards for Excellence 2023**

# Team of the Year

Where would we be without our people?

Teamwork and putting our people first makes everything else work well. We wanted to hear about your teams, whether they are organisational teams or project teams so we can recognise and reward their achievements.

The winning team represent four different public sector organisations and introduced themselves and how they got into property and the public sector.

Each had been nominated by their manager as part of their career development and each overcame nerves to talk openly and honestly in front of an audience. The panel was very well received and showed that the future of ACES is in safe hands.

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The FACES panel

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# Net Zero Champion

This award is to celebrate public sector Net Zero Champions

With a majority of public sector bodies choosing 2030 as a Net Zero target date we want to showcase significant milestones, projects, innovation and dedication to achieving a decarbonised public estate.

The winning programme is an ambitious carbon neutral programme from a unitary local authority early to declare a climate emergency in 2019.

Their goal was to become an exemplar of what regional leadership can do in combatting climate change. Their action plan has been recognised nationally and outlines multi-dimensional leadership in a complex systems landscape serving 560,000 residents.

The programme includes an 8,000 hectare forest, energy efficiency improvements to council owned homes, changing their fleet to ultra low emission vehicles, changing planning policies to encourage the switch to more renewable generation, and considering climate change and social justice in all council decisions.

The Net Zero Champion is:



# Cornwall Council's Carbon Neutral Cornwall Programme



# Community Champion

This award showcases projects where social value is a driving force.

We looked for examples of maximising stakeholder and community engagement as well as realising broad benefits from partnership working, big or small we wanted to see excellence in engaging and working with communities to deliver more from our built environment.

The winning project is a One Public Estate exemplar.

It brings together on one site an extensive new leisure centre including swimming pools, secondary school, health services, library, job centre, family hub, pre-school, citizens advice bureau and other community facilities, alongside offices for councils, police, NHS, ACAS and the UK Health Security Agency.

To support carbon reduction objectives the project also has extensive and varied renewable energy generation and storage.

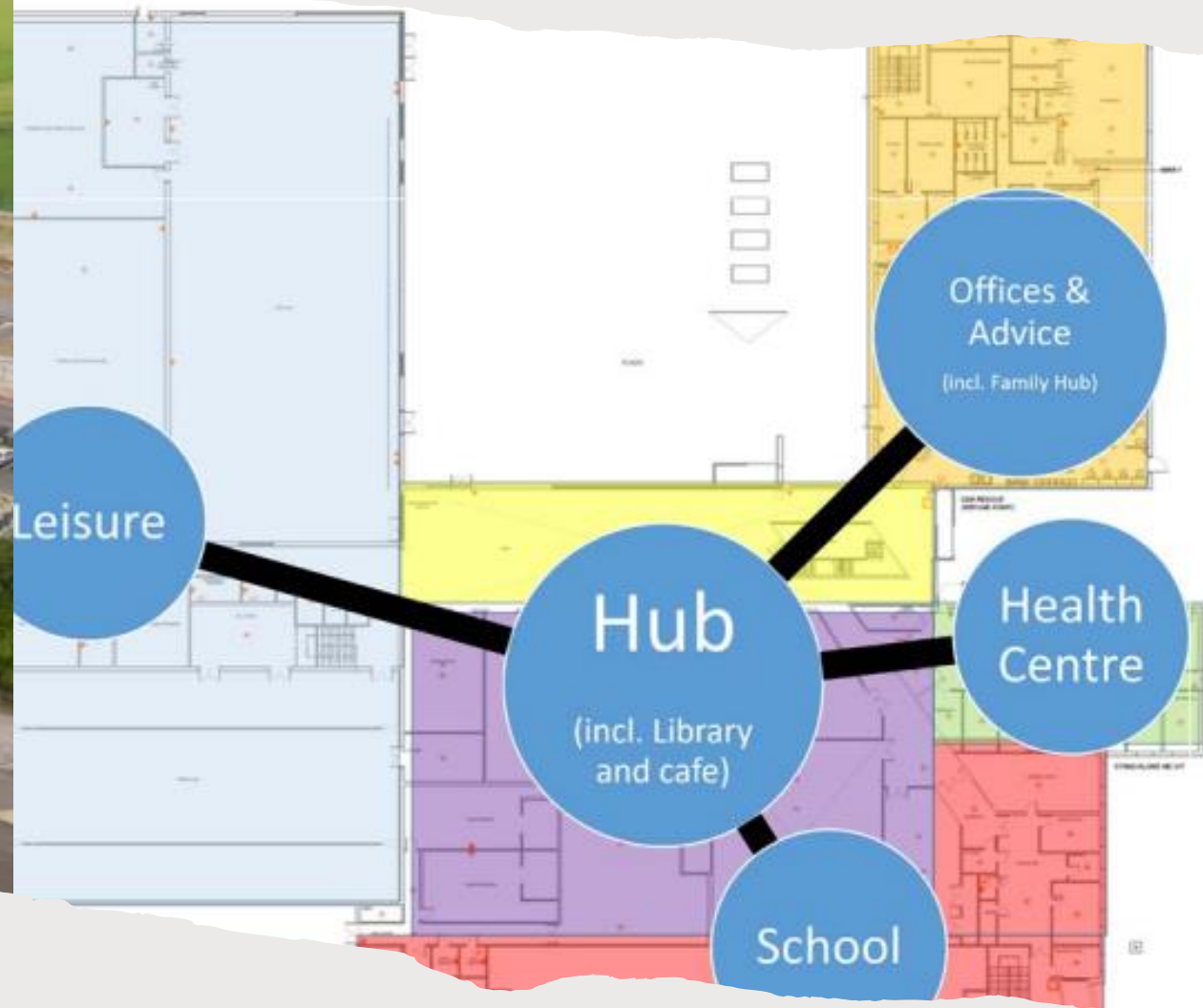
The Community Award goes to:







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# Mildenhall Hub

# The FACES Award

We wanted our established members to nominate our early career colleagues and team members to showcase what they are doing in the early stages of their property careers.

We wanted to hear about the amazing work being done in your teams by apprentices, graduates, APC candidates and those in the first years of their professional careers. Telling us how they stand out to you and so we can celebrate them!

We have already seen the success of the four representatives from the FACES community. The awards panel felt that this award should go to one of the panel that represented ACES and the public sector property profession at the Public Sector Connect Local Authority Estates Conference.

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# Project of the Year

Project of the Year (formerly known as the Award for Excellence)

We all strive to provide excellent asset management supported by our professional staff and to use land and property to further the aims of our respective authorities and organisations.

Simply put, this award recognises exemplary work.

The winning project of the year is an ambitious programme to decarbonise 6,000+ council houses to ensure the Council achieves its net zero target of 2030.

The programme has included loft insulation and LED lighting to 75 homes, innovative trial of Endotherm to improve boiler efficiency in two sheltered housing schemes, upskilling retrofit coordinators and assessors, use of EC04 funding for cavity wall insulation and a Solshare pilot for solar PV.

Now delivering at scale with a £2.3 million social housing decarbonisation fund project to retrofit 110 of the worst energy performing homes up to EPC C by March 2025. This Council is also creating an exemplar retrofit show home to demonstrate cutting edge sustainable technologies to the public.

Our Project of the Year goes to:



# Retrofit Snow Home



Southend on Sea City Council - Retrofit Programme