

 **ASSIST Facilities Management**

SCOTTISH LOCAL AUTHORITY

AWARDS

2026

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A WARM WELCOME

ASSIST FM is delighted to announce the launch of the ASSIST FM National Awards 2026!

This year, we are celebrating with a fresh new look and a renewed focus on recognising the incredible work happening across Scotland's Local Authorities.

These awards are your opportunity to shine a spotlight on the superstars who go above and beyond every day to make a real difference.

Whether it's innovation, dedication, or outstanding service.

Following last year's record-breaking number of entries, we are keeping the reduced submission criteria to make it easier than ever to nominate.

We are excited to announce the return of the Innovation Award, now enhanced to include digital technology, showcasing how councils are embracing new tools and ideas to improve services.

You and your teams should be incredibly proud of the work you do. Use these awards as a heartfelt thank you and a celebration of your achievements.

Nominate now and help us celebrate the best in Facilities Management!

Nicky Joiner
ASSIST FM National Chair



COMPETITION OUTLINE

It is now even easier to enter.

In your own words – tell us how your submission meets the entry criteria – a few bullet points is all that is required. We will then arrange a short call with finalists to really understand your submission!

Please take the time to enter. All entries have to be received by Friday 30th January 2026, so you have time to enter as many as possible.

The judging panel will then confirm your award submission and arrange a call week commencing 9th / 16th February 2026 with finalists announced week commencing 2nd March 2026.

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Supplier of the Year Award

Nominations aren't required for this category – it's decided by the ASSIST Committee.

COMMUNITY FOCUS AWARD ★

Open to a team or an individual.

This award is for FM service providers in Catering, Cleaning and Janitorial who have made an active and valued difference to the community which they serve.

INNOVATION AWARD ★

Open to a team or an individual.

This award is looking for innovation that has had a substantial impact on the delivery of the overall service, the people who deliver it or a key aspect of it. The innovation can be anything from a new technology to simply an operational efficiency, it just needs to be new and original. Evidence of the impact will be required.
Awaiting approval

SUSTAINABILITY AWARD ★

Open to a team or an individual.

This award recognises, rewards and promotes environmental best practices across the public sector in the UK. This organisation has shown how they have helped the environment and improved sustainability not only in their organisation but their surrounding community.

OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO CATERING SERVICES AWARD ★

Open to a team or an individual.

The Outstanding Contribution to Catering Award is open to local authority catering departments, as well as teams within your local authority or even an individual who has gone above and beyond their role.

We are looking for entries from local authorities who have implemented something that has changed their service for the better, for teams who have added something special to the service, or from individuals who really stand out. It could be a change in how you deliver your service, a promotional campaign, or simply what a team or member of your staff has done that has surpassed expectations.

OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO CLEANING SERVICES AWARD ★

Open to a team or an individual.

The Outstanding Contribution to Cleaning Award is open to local authority FM departments, as well as teams within your local authority or even an individual who has gone above and beyond their role.

We are looking for entries from local authorities who have implemented something that has changed their service for the better, for teams who have added something special to the service, or from individuals who really stand out. It could be a change in how you deliver your services, or a new initiative that has improved the service, or simply what a team or member of your staff has done that has surpassed expectations.

OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO FM SERVICES AWARD ★

Open to a team or an individual.

The Outstanding Contribution to FM Services Award is open to local authority FM departments, as well as teams within your local authority or even an individual who has gone above and beyond their role.

We are looking for entries from local authorities who have implemented something that has changed their service for the better, for teams who have added something special to the service, or from individuals who really stand out.

This could be for a school crossing patroller who has served the local authority for a number of years and added huge value to the community, or a janitor or janitorial team who has done something out of the ordinary. It could be a change in how you deliver these services or a new initiative that has improved the service.

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innovation and transformation



Date: Friday 15th May 2026, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Glasgow

The deadline for submissions is Friday 30th January 2026.

Please return to: assistfm@dewberryredpoint.co.uk

If you need help completing this nomination form, please read the notes section at the end of this document, which outlines how each nomination will be judged.

Award category

Organisation

Nominee name

Contact details

Bullet Points summarising your submission - If the judges shortlist you for an award, this text will be used in the Awards Nominations Shortlist document. All shortlisted entries will be asked to present on Teams to the award committee.