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### **SPACES Awards 2016**

SPACES (Society of Public Architecture, Construction, Engineering and Surveying) are pleased to announce the winners of this year's SPACES Awards (incorporating SCALA Civic Building of the Year Awards) and the launch of their new format Yearbook. The Awards Ceremony was held at the Manchester Victoria and Albert Hotel on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

For the Civic Building of the Year Awards, sponsored by NPS Group, the Education Category was won by Lairdsland Primary School, the Small Building Category was won by Colchester Park and Ride, and the Heritage Category was won by Commemorating Gallipolli HMS M3.

This year the joint winners of the Civic Building of the Year Awards were The Westgate School, Winchester and Birmingham New Street Station.

Highly commended awards went to FC United of Manchester Stadium and UTC@MEDIACITYUK, Salford Quays, Greater Manchester

The Surveying Excellence Award was won by Oakwood Clock Refurbishment, with highly commended to Shire Hall, Chelmsford and Fletton House, Oundle, Northamptonshire.

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The Engineering Innovation Award was won by Birmingham New Street Station, with highly commended to Castle Hill Junior School, Basingstoke (SCOLA Refurbishment Project).

The Site Manager of the Year award was won by Tony Northcott, Kier Construction (for Exeter St Leonards Primary School), with a highly commended to Farrans Waste Transfer Station Team, Mark Kendal, Andrew Purdy, Paul Shoebridge and Jason Starling.

#### Martin Kent, President of SPACES said

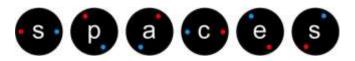
"We live in challenging times in the public sector, but there remains a wealth of work within the Awards and Yearbook that is of great quality and value. Public Buildings are for us all. Those of us who believe in the power of high quality environments work every day to deliver and maintain spaces that help people thrive and lead more fulfilling lives."

SPACES was formed following the merger of SCALA, SCEME and CBSS and submissions are now being accepted for 2017 for both the yearbook and awards with projects being eligible if they have received an element of public funding. For further information, see the SPACES website <a href="https://www.thespaces.org.uk">www.thespaces.org.uk</a>.

#### Notes to editors.

- 1. Further information on the projects is available on our website.
- 2. Pictures are available on request.

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- 3. A copy of the Building Awards flyer is available on request.
- 4. For further information see <a href="www.thespaces.org.uk">www.thespaces.org.uk</a>, email the SPACES Manager, Fiona Fanning <a href="manager@thespaces.org.uk">manager@thespaces.org.uk</a>, or Tel 01344 206299.
- During 2015, SCALA (Society of Construction of Architecture in Local Authorities), SCEME (Society of Electrical and Mechanical Engineers serving Local Government) and CBSS (Chief Building Surveyors Society) merged to form a new Society, SPACES.
- 6. A copy of the SPACES flyer is available on request.
- 7. A copy of the SPACES logo is available on request.
- 8. SPACES is a collaborative organisation of construction professionals committed to assisting its members in achieving the highest possible standards in the development, design, construction and management of the public sector estate for the mutual benefit of their employers and the general public.
- 9. SPACES objectives are:
  - To promote best practice in the delivery and running of public buildings.
  - To develop the knowledge, skills and experience of our members.
  - To develop a national multi-disciplined society covering all public sector service providers.
  - To shape architecture, construction, engineering and surveying matters in the public sector.
  - To create a national network of professionals who benefit from each other's experience.

Our group is the only organisation in the public sector with a membership that encompasses all aspects of the property cycle from project iniation and briefing through to the management and maintenance of the finished building.