

Dear Chairperson/Clerk,

## **One Voice Wales Innovative Practice & National Awards Conference 2019**

I am delighted to announce that One Voice Wales will be holding its third Innovative Practice & National Awards Conference on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019** at Hafod a Hendre Building, Royal Welsh Showground, Llanelwedd, Builth Wells, LD2 3SY.

These awards are an opportunity for your council to showcase the services it provides for its community and an opportunity for councillors, clerks and staff to receive the recognition they deserve.

The entries will be used as an evidence base to inform Welsh Government, Unitary Authorities, the Third Sector and other key partners of the good work local councils are doing in their communities across Wales and how they can possibly support the work of the local council sector in the future.

Attached you will find a brochure listing the award categories and details of how you can nominate your council for these prestigious awards together with an application form.

An independent panel made up from national representative bodies will undertake the judging of the entries. There will be a shortlist of three nominations in each of the ten categories. Each of the shortlisted Councils for each category will be invited to take part in showcasing their Councils initiative.

The three nominated entries in each category will be required to give a 10 minute (maximum) presentation as part of a series of innovative practice sessions, to be held during a series of morning workshop sessions.

The Awards Ceremony will be held in the afternoon of the Conference where the winners and the two runners up will be presented with their awards and certificates. One Voice Wales will also be publishing a post Conference report to be shared with local councils and stakeholder organisations throughout Wales.

The closing date for entries is Friday 25 January 2019. A judging panel will be held after this date and the three shortlisted councils for each category will be informed later in February 2019 to allow time to prepare for the 10 minute (maximum) presentation in advance of the Conference.

Should you have any queries with regard to the 2019 Awards Scheme please get in touch with Shan Bowden, South Wales Development Officer via email at [shan.bowden@onevoicewales.org.uk](mailto:shan.bowden@onevoicewales.org.uk)

I do hope that you will enter your council for an award/s and help One Voice Wales to highlight and promote the innovative practices that take place in local communities throughout Wales.

Yours sincerely

Cllr Mike Cuddy, Chair, One Voice Wales