

New Award for Councillors

The National Association of Councillors has created a new award for Councillors that have provided many years of dedicated work in their support of others, and during that time have made an outstanding contribution to public and community service.



NAC Long Service Awards

L to R: NAC Regional Secretary Councillor Joe Boyle, Alderman Jim Speers MBE, Councillor Dermot Curran, Alderman Jim Dillon MBE JP and NAC Chairman Alderman Michael Henderson MBE,

Three Councillors, who have served over 125 years between them, were the first to receive the long service award certificates, which were kept as a closely guarded secret until they were presented on Thursday 12 October 2018.

The awards were made as follows:

For over 45 years service -

Councillor Dermot Curran of Newry, Mourne & Down District Council

For over 40 years service -

Alderman Jim Speers of Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council

And

Alderman Jim Dillon Of Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council

Councillor Joe Boyle, NAC Regional Secretary said "In recent years Councillors responsibilities and demands for their time and services have increased significantly in relation to carrying out their roles in public life, while continuing to provide support to their constituents and communities. Long serving Councillors set an example to others and we feel that it is important that their dedication and commitment is recognised and celebrated"