

## Report – Chairman of the Port Health and Environmental Services Committee

### Awards and Prizes

*To be presented on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017*

*To the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons of the City of London in Common Council assembled.*

#### **John Connell Soundscape Award**

“I am very pleased to announce that the City of London Corporation’s Pollution Team has won the 2016 John Connell Soundscape Award for its Noise and Soundscape Strategy. The 2016 Ceremony (also known as the ‘Noise Oscars’) was held at the Palace of Westminster and attended by local authorities, acoustics experts, companies and high profile individuals, who are all committed to providing quieter products and services and campaign for a more peaceful environment.

The Managing Director of the Noise Abatement Society (NAS) congratulated the City of London Corporation for its multi-agency approach; which included creative measures to promote iconic sounds, lost and disappearing sounds, as well as identifying tranquil areas, with policies to protect and enhance these spaces in line with the new International Standard. The NAS also recognised the complexity of managing noise in the City of London, due to its density of development and population, whilst recognising a regard for the ‘Sounds of the City’ as a vibrant and exciting reflection of a thriving urban centre.

The NAS is a dynamic, UK charity whose remit is to raise awareness about noise pollution. Its work is internationally respected and helps to relieve the physical and mental distress caused by excessive noise which profoundly affects health, learning, productivity and social cohesion.

I commend this achievement to the Court.”

DATED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November 2016.

SIGNED on behalf of the Committee.

**Wendy Mead, O.B.E.**

Chairman, Port Health and Environmental Services Committee