

## **Diana Hampson, University of Manchester wins AUDE Chair's Award for Long Term Contribution**

Diana Hampson, University of Manchester has won the AUDE Chair's Award for Long Term Contribution. This award celebrates the long-term achievements benefitting the higher education estates and FM community by an individual over an extended period of time.

The 2016 Higher Education Estates and Facilities Awards took place at the Gala dinner on the final night of the annual AUDE conference held at Exeter University. Each year the awards celebrate and highlight the achievements of universities and best practice in the industry, including those who lead the way in estate and facilities management.

As Director of Estates and Facilities at The University of Manchester for nearly 20 years, Diana has shown dedication and commitment to AUDE throughout her career; Diana has steered the University Estate through a merger and a subsequent capital development programme and is today leading the University's 10-year, £1 billion Campus Masterplan to create some of the world's most modern facilities for staff, students and visitors. Announced in 2012, this is the largest single capital development programme currently underway in UK Higher Education.

Diana is highly regarded across the sector and has a high profile, both at a regional and national level, which offers a huge benefit to the institution. She has close working relationships with leading Manchester City Council figures including Sir Howard Bernstein and Senior Council Officers, as well as developers and agents. Nationally, Diana has been invited to 10 Downing Street and the Houses of Parliament to contribute to higher education debate and policy, alongside attending the Buckingham Palace Garden Party to represent The University of Manchester.

Diana Hampson said: "I am delighted to win this award and it's a great achievement for my work to be recognised by AUDE, an organisation I am proud to be a part of!"

The judges were on the lookout for individuals who have made a significant contribution to enhancing excellence and ensuring university estates provide best value to support the institutional mission and promote efficiency and effectiveness.

AUDE Chair and head judge Trevor Humphreys, Director of Estates and Facilities University of Surrey, commented, "Diana has proven to be a professional, influential role model who is well respected throughout the sector. She consistently demonstrates a personal and strong style in her work and never fails to help develop others in her team. Diana has also shown her commitment to AUDE throughout the years and we are extremely pleased to award her the well-deserved Long-Term Contribution award."

"The University sector has faced monumental changes over the past year, so it's encouraging to see that the standards across all our institutions remains extremely high to help deliver the best student experience possible."

The AUDE Conference and Awards in 2017 will be held at the University of Manchester from 10th to 12th April. This event is for members of AUDE and invited guests and will be accompanied by an exhibition and sponsorship opportunities.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.aude.ac.uk/home/>

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**Notes to editors:**

**2016 Awards**

Award judges: Sue Holmes, AUDE Chair and Director of Estates Oxford Brookes University, Trevor Humphreys, AUDE Chair and Director of Estates and Facilities University of Surrey, Jerry Barnes – Sponsor Hoare Lea; Nolan Smith – HEFCE and Quintin McKellar, Vice Chancellor Hertfordshire University

**About AUDE**

AUDE promotes excellence in the strategic planning, management, operation and development of Higher Education estates and facilities. AUDE offers membership to publically funded UK bodies whose primary remit is higher education teaching and/or research. There are no membership categories for commercial bodies.

AUDE is a not-for-profit organisation. Any funds generated through the activities of the Association are used to fulfil its objectives and mission.

AUDE's members are generally represented by the most senior member of staff responsible for managing, planning, constructing and maintaining all types of accommodation for Higher Education Institutions. Though arrangements vary, most Directors of Estates are also involved in managing a wider range of capital projects and services including cleaning, security, grounds maintenance, space planning and management, car parking and traffic and, in some institutions, additional services such as catering, conference and sports facilities, insurance, furniture and equipment and printing.