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## **Media Release**

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### **Northern Star awards give businesses time to shine**

Businesses in the North-east are set to shine as over 70 of them celebrate their nomination for this year's Northern Star Business Awards.

Organised by Aberdeen & Grampian Chamber of Commerce, the awards recognise companies around the North-east for exceptional accomplishments across a range of fields from energy to innovation, customer service to people development.

The winners are announced at a glittering ceremony at the AECC on September 22, hosted this year by broadcaster and journalist Louise Minchin.

Also preparing to sparkle are the charities which will benefit from the event.

Over £6,500 was raised for local charities through the generosity of the 750 guests who attended last year's event and the Chamber has just announced the five organisations that will benefit from the 2016 awards as Absafe, Children 1<sup>st</sup>, North East Sensory Service, the RNLI and Scarf.

Chief executive at the Chamber Russell Borthwick said: "The Northern Star Business Awards are a highpoint for the Chamber, giving North-east businesses from every sector the opportunity to showcase and celebrate their success and achievements.

"All the award categories attract interest from across every sector of the business community and competition for a finalist spot is always high.

"It really is time to shine for North-east businesses."

The nominations are across 11 award categories, which are:

- Achievement in International Business
- Commitment to People Development
- Commitment to Innovative Use of Research and Development
- Excellence in Customer Service
- Excellence in Health and Safety

- The Green Award
- Outstanding Contribution to Society
- Outstanding Contribution to the Energy Sector
- Overall Business of the Year
- Rising Star
- Student Placement

There is also a lifetime achievement award which is announced on the night.

Last year, Balmoral's chairman and managing director James Milne CBE was handed this accolade for his outstanding contribution to the region.

The Northern Star Business Awards take place on Thursday, September 22, 2016 at the Aberdeen Exhibition & Conference Centre, in the Bridge of Don in Aberdeen. For information regarding attendance or sponsorship, visit [www.northernstarawards.co.uk](http://www.northernstarawards.co.uk), call 01224 343901 or follow #TimeToShine on Twitter.

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### **Notes to editor**

- The 13<sup>th</sup> Northern Star Business Awards are being held on Thursday September 22, 2016 at the Aberdeen Exhibition & Conference Centre, in the Bridge of Don.
- Please find attached a Northern Star Business Awards logo.
- The Northern Star Business Awards is the Chamber's flagship event which celebrates the wide range of innovation and expertise in North-east businesses across all sectors.
- Aberdeen & Grampian Chamber of Commerce (AGCC) is North-east Scotland's leading private sector, member-focused, business organisation. The Chamber represents more than 1,300 businesses with almost 130,000 employees in the private sector covering all industry sectors, ranging in size from sole traders to multi-national corporations.

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