**News**

**British Cleaning Council praise Vancouver’s Clean Streets**

The British Cleaning Council has praised Vancouver Olympic Organizing Committees (VANOC) for their “admirable” cleaning of public spaces since the start of the Winter Olympic Games.

In response to the overwhelming numbers of sports fans who have flocked to the city’s downtown area each day, the city has nearly quadrupled the number of sanitation staff. With an estimated 150,000 people visiting in the downtown core on Saturday night alone, sanitation workers have been pushed to their limits as they collect four tonnes of garbage per day, approximately 100 times the amount of a normal weekend.

Steve Wright, Chairman of the British Cleaning Council, said: "Reports that the cities street teams are doing a sterling job are very welcome and we are delighted to hear that the city’s public spaces seem to be getting the attention they deserve. I understand that the LOCOG team is in Vancouver observing operations; hopefully London will aim to match or even surpass the admirable standards of cleanliness set by our Canadian friends."

**Survey reveals clean streets are public’s top priority**

A pre-budget survey carried out has identified clean streets as the most important service to the public.

Residents of Hart District Council were asked to identify the three most important district council services out of a list of 16, stating the 3 areas which they would be most willing to see cuts in service. In the results from across the whole district, waste collection was judged to be the most important service, claiming 56 per cent of all first choice votes and 18 per cent of second choice votes cast.

The citizens in the district took part in the pre-budget Consultation survey, carried out by the cash-strapped administration as they draw up their list of priorities for the coming financial year.

**Diary**

**ABCD Conference 2010: what are the neighbours up to**

ABCD have announced details of their 21st annual Conference, due to take place on the 13th and 14th May 2010 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Nottingham’s city centre. The packed schedule for the day includes presentations from industry professionals and a gala dinner following a cocktail reception in the evening.

Please [email ABCD](mailto:ABCD) for further information.

**BACHE 2010 annual Conference & Exhibition**

Bache’s annual conference will be held at Keele University 15th-17th June 2010. The day will consist of presentations, a BACHE Awards ceremony (which you can still enter [here](#)) and exhibitor and sponsorship opportunities.

BACHE welcomes non-members to their conference, please [email](mailto:) for further details.

**Carpex/Windex 2010: 18/19 March– Ricoh Arena, Coventry**

CARPEX/Windex 2010 will provide a unique opportunity to market, sell and promote companies involving the cleaning, maintenance and restoration of carpets, serving to a truly targeted audience.

There is still time to book a free ticket for the event, please check this [link](#) for further information.

**CIWM Futuresource, ExCel centre, 15th-17th June 2010**

CIWM have released details of their Futuresource international conference and trade fair at ExCel in London. The event brings together like-minded professionals from across Europe to provide a forum for debating key issues, discussing best practice, sharing expertise and locating solutions.

Further information is available [here](#)