

## **THE CHARLES THOMSON AWARD**

*This Award will be presented to the Local Authority (LA) that has done most to promote Water Safety on the island of Ireland between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2008 and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2008.*

*The Submission Format must be used for this competition.*

*Additional information should be included in Appendices if necessary.*

### **Criteria as follows:**

1. *Work completed by the LA to raise public awareness in the **media**; (15 Marks)*
2. *Work completed in promoting Water Safety in **schools**;(15 Marks)*
3. *A new, **novel initiative** or special event used to promote Water Safety; (15 Marks)*
4. *Improved **provision of lifesaving equipment**; (10 Marks)*
5. *Improved **maintenance and inspection of lifesaving equipment**; (10 Marks)*
6. *Increase and improvement in **Lifeguard services** including increased lifeguard cover; (15 Marks)*
7. ***Public awareness** programmes; (10 Marks)*
8. *Increased **signage** in particular of dangerous bathing areas; (10 Marks)*
9. *Provision of **Byelaws** to improve Water Safety; (10 Marks)*
10. ***Donation or assistance** given to local voluntary Community Search & Rescue Services; (10 Marks)*
11. *Amount of resource allocated towards the inspection of **Public Rescue Equipment**; (10 Marks)*
12. *Improvement of facilities at **bathing areas**; (10 Marks)*
13. *Improvement of **swimming pool** facilities and water safety activities to the public for lifesaving and swimming instruction; (10 Marks)*
14. ***Other** appropriate contributions to and investments in water safety. (10 Marks)*

*Maximum allowable Marks awarded: 160*