

## And the winner is.....

'A glittering array of local authority stars' was how APSE national chair, Cllr John Kerr Brown, described the winners of the APSE performance networks awards 2006. Paul O'Brien, APSE Chief Executive followed by adding 'These awards recognise the very best in local authority front line services, rewarding excellence and continuous improvement, delivering value for money and quality services for the UK's tax payers. The achievements of local authority direct service providers is a real cause for celebration'.

To see which authorities are amongst the winners and most improved across the UK view the list below. For press ready jpeg images of the winners, with actress and presenter Julie Peasgood, please follow the link to APSE's website: [www.apse.org.uk](http://www.apse.org.uk)

The list of categories, service area winners and most improved local authorities is:

### **Education Catering (School meals, breakfast clubs and nutritious food for children)**

Best performer winner: Manchester City Metropolitan Borough Council

Most improved performer : Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council

### **Refuse Collection (Household bin collections, recycling and waste services)**

Best performer winner: Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council

Most improved performer: Southampton City Council

### **Building Maintenance (Council housing and public building maintenance and repairs services)**

Best performer winner: South Lanarkshire Council

Most improved performer: Kirklees Metropolitan Borough Council

### **Sports & Leisure Facility Management (Local swimming pools and fitness / leisure centres)**

Best performer winner: The Dome, Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council

Most improved performer: Fife Institute of Physical & Recreation Education, Fife Council

### **Building Cleaning (School cleaning, civic and town hall building cleaning services )**

Best performer winner: Stoke-on-Trent City Council

Most improved performer: Stirling Council

### **Highways & Winter Maintenance (Road and highways gritting, highway maintenance and repair work)**

Best performer winner: Dorset County Council

Most improved performer: Cardiff County Council

### **Parks, Open Spaces & Horticultural Services (Public parks, green open spaces, horticultural services and flower bed displays)**

Best performer winner: Wigan Metropolitan Borough Council

Most improved performer: North Lanarkshire Council

**Street Cleansing (Keeping streets and the locality clean, and free of graffiti and dog fouling)**

Best performer winner: Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council

Most improved performer: Sunderland City Council

**Civic, Cultural & Community Venues (Town and civic halls, cultural venues, such as museums and art galleries, community buildings)**

Best performer winner: Albert Halls Bolton Metropolitan Borough Council

Most improved performer: Halton Borough Council

**Street Lighting (Street lights in good working order, maintained and / or replaced)**

Best performer winner: Vale of Glamorgan County Borough Council

Most improved performer: Falkirk Council

**Transport Operations & Vehicle Maintenance (Keeping vehicles used by the local authority safely maintained. Keeping local services on the move)**

Best performer winner: Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council

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