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Best and most improved performer

Finalists

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APSE performance networks is pleased to announce the finalists in the most improved and best performer categories for the 2026 awards. The awards ceremony will take place on the evening of Thursday 3 December 2026 as part of the Performance Networks seminar at the Village Hotel, Blackpool.

Places at the seminar are going fast so service contacts from short-listed authorities should book a place on the seminar soon in order to guarantee a place at the awards dinner and ceremony.

Building Cleaning

Best performer

East Renfrewshire Council
Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council
Lancashire County Council
Moray Council
South Lanarkshire Council
Tayside Contracts

Most improved performer

Argyll & Bute Council
East Ayrshire Council
East Renfrewshire Council
Lancashire County Council
Tayside Contracts

Building Maintenance

Best performer

Conwy County Borough Council
Fife Council
North Ayrshire Council
South Ayrshire Council
Wigan Metropolitan Borough Council

Most improved performer

Aberdeenshire Council
East Ayrshire Council
East Lothian Council
Flintshire County Council
Wigan Metropolitan Borough Council

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Catering Services

Best performer

City of Doncaster Council
Denbighshire County Council
Derbyshire County Council
Dumfries and Galloway Council
Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council
South Lanarkshire Council

Most Improved performer

Argyll & Bute Council
Denbighshire County Council
Derbyshire County Council
East Renfrewshire Council
Tayside Contracts

Cemetery and Crematorium Services

Best performer

Conwy County Borough Council
Flintshire County Council
Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council
Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council
Lancaster City Council
Nottingham City Council
Warrington Borough Council

Most improved performer

Aberdeenshire Council
Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council
Conwy County Borough Council
Durham County Council
East Dunbartonshire Council
Nottingham City Council
Warrington Borough Council

Parks, Open Spaces and Horticultural Services

Best performer

Chelmsford City Council
North Ayrshire Council
Nottingham City Council
South Lanarkshire Council
Stafford Borough Council
Wakefield Metropolitan District Council
Wirral Metropolitan Borough Council

Most improved performer

Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council
Moray Council
Nottingham City Council
South Lanarkshire Council
Wirral Metropolitan Borough Council



Recycling and Waste Collection

Best performer

Fife Council
North Ayrshire Council
North East Derbyshire District Council
North Lincolnshire Council
South Lanarkshire Council
Telford and Wrekin Council
Wakefield Metropolitan District Council

Most improved performer

Caerphilly County Borough Council
Cardiff Council
Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council
Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council
North Ayrshire Council
South Lanarkshire Council

Roads, Highways and Winter Maintenance

Best performer

Falkirk Council
London Borough of Hounslow
Moray Council
Scottish Borders Council
Shetland Islands Council
South Ayrshire Council

Most improved performer

Caerphilly County Borough Council
Comhairle Nan Eilean Siar
East Lothian Council
Moray Council
Northumberland County Council
Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
Stirling Council

Brightly
A Siemens Company

Sports and Leisure Facility Management

Best performer

Chelmsford City Council	Chelmsford Sport & Athletics Centre
East Riding of Yorkshire Council	East Riding Leisure Hornsea
Huntingdonshire District Council	One Leisure St Ives (Indoor)
Ipswich Borough Council	Crown Pools
North Lincolnshire Council	NL Active, Ancholme Leisure Centre
South Tyneside Metropolitan Borough Council	Haven Point
Vision Redbridge Culture & Leisure	Wanstead Leisure Centre

Most improved performer

Ards and North Down Borough Council	Ards Blair Mayne Wellness and Leisure Centre
Armagh City Banbridge and Craigavon Council	Banbridge Leisure Centre
East Riding of Yorkshire Council	East Riding Leisure Francis Scaife
North East Derbyshire District Council	Dronfield Active
North Lincolnshire Council	NL Active, Live Well Isle of Axholme
South Tyneside Metropolitan Borough Council	Haven Point



Street Cleansing

Best performer

Bolsover District Council
Huntingdonshire District Council
London Borough of Hounslow
North East Derbyshire District Council
Oxford Direct Services Ltd
Preston City Council
Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
Stafford Borough Council

Most improved performer

Lancaster City Council
North Ayrshire Council
Oxford Direct Services Ltd
Preston City Council
South Ayrshire Council
Southwark London Borough
Stafford Borough Council
Wakefield MDC



Street Lighting

Best performer

Conwy County Borough Council
Denbighshire County Council
Falkirk Council
Moray Council
Orkney Islands Council
Perth and Kinross Council
Wigan Metropolitan Borough Council

Most improved performer

Aberdeenshire Council
East Ayrshire Council
Kirklees Council
North Ayrshire Council
Perth and Kinross Council
South Lanarkshire Council
Telford and Wrekin Council

Streetscene

Best performer

Bolsover District Council
Cambridge City Council
Conwy County Borough Council
Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council
Halton Borough Council
Stafford Borough Council

Most improved performer

Aberdeen City Council
City of Doncaster Council
East Dunbartonshire Council
Falkirk Council
Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council
North Ayrshire Council
Warrington Borough Council

Transport Operations and Vehicle Maintenance

Best performer

North Ayrshire Council
North East Derbyshire District Council
Plymouth City Council
Sheffield City Council

Most improved performer

North Ayrshire Council
Plymouth City Council
Shetland Islands Council
Tayside Contracts

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Awards 2026

The prestigious Performance Networks awards are a high profile occasion where the best performing authorities and the most improved are awarded for their achievements.

There are dedicated awards for each service area and finalists are selected based on those authorities who have participated in Performance Networks.

Book your place at the APSE Performance Networks seminar and awards online here



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