



Best and most improved performer

Finalists 2025

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APSE performance networks is pleased to announce the finalists in the most improved and best performer categories for the 2025 awards. The awards ceremony will take place on the evening of Thursday 4 December 2025 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

Caerphilly County Borough Council
East Ayrshire Council
East Renfrewshire Council
Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council
Moray Council
South Lanarkshire Council

Most improved performer

Aberdeenshire Council
Caerphilly County Borough Council
Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council
Inverclyde Council
Moray Council

Building Maintenance

Best performer

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

Most improved performer

Dundee City Council
Fife Council
Flintshire County Council
South Ayrshire Council
West Dunbartonshire Council
Wigan Metropolitan Borough Council

Catering Services

Best performer

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

Most Improved performer

City of Doncaster Council
Denbighshire County Council
Dumfries and Galloway Council
East Renfrewshire Council
South Lanarkshire Council
Tayside Contracts

Cemetery and Crematorium Services

Best performer

Aberdeen City Council
Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council
Flintshire County Council
Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council
Herefordshire Council
Northumberland County Council
Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council

Most improved performer

Durham County Council
Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council
Nottingham City Council
South Lanarkshire Council
Wigan Metropolitan Borough Council

Parks, Open Spaces and Horticultural Services

Best performer

Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council
Chelmsford City Council
Colchester City Council
East Riding of Yorkshire Council
Nottingham City Council
Stafford Borough Council
West Lothian Council

Most improved performer

Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council
Chelmsford City Council
Kirklees Council
West Lothian Council
Wirral Metropolitan Borough Council

Refuse Collection

Best performer

Bolsover District Council
Huntingdonshire District Council
North Ayrshire Council
North East Derbyshire District Council
North Lincolnshire Council
Telford and Wrekin Council

Most improved performer

East Ayrshire Council
Kirklees Council
Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council
North Ayrshire Council
Sevenoaks District Council
Stirling Council

Roads, Highways and Winter Maintenance

Best performer

East Renfrewshire Council
Falkirk Council
Milton Keynes Council
North Ayrshire Council
Scottish Borders Council
South Ayrshire Council
Wigan Metropolitan Borough Council

Most improved performer

Angus Council
Comhairle Nan Eilean Siar
East Riding of Yorkshire Council
Kent County Council
Scottish Borders Council

Sports and Leisure Facility Management

Best performer

Ards and North Down Borough Council
Chelmsford City Council
East Riding of Yorkshire Council
North East Derbyshire District Council
North Northamptonshire Council
Uttlesford District Council
Wyre Borough Council

Ards Blair Mayne Wellness and Leisure Centre
Riverside Leisure Centre
East Riding Leisure Hornsea
Dronfield Active
Lodge Park Sports Centre
The Mountfitchet Romeera Leisure Centre
Poulton YMCA Leisure Centre

Most improved performer

East Riding of Yorkshire Council
North East Derbyshire District Council
North Lincolnshire Council
North Northamptonshire Council
Nottingham City Council
South Tyneside Metropolitan Borough Council

East Riding Leisure Haltemprice
Dronfield Active
NL Active, Live Well Isle of Axholme
Lodge Park Sports Centre
Harvey Hadden Sports Centre
Hebburn Central

Street Cleansing

Best performer

Bolsover District Council
Huntingdonshire District Council
London Borough of Hounslow
Oxford Direct Services Ltd
Stafford Borough Council
West Lindsey District Council
West Lothian Council

Most improved performer

Blackpool Council
Falkirk Council
Kirklees Council
Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council
North Ayrshire Council
Oxford Direct Services Ltd
Preston City Council
South Tyneside Metropolitan Borough Council

Street Lighting

Best performer

Conwy County Borough Council
Denbighshire County Council
Newport City Council
Pembrokeshire County Council
Perth and Kinross Council
West Lothian Council
Wigan Metropolitan Borough Council

Most improved performer

Denbighshire County Council
Dundee City Council
East Ayrshire Council
Perth and Kinross Council
South Ayrshire Council
Telford and Wrekin Council

Streetscene

Best performer

Bolsover District Council
Cambridge City Council
Conwy County Borough Council
Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council
Newcastle-Under-Lyme Borough Council
Stafford Borough Council
Telford and Wrekin Council

Transport Operations and Vehicle Maintenance

Best performer

Mansfield District Council
Nottingham City Council
Plymouth City Council
Sheffield City Council
Shetland Islands Council
Tayside Contracts

Most improved performer

Bolsover District Council
Plymouth City Council
Sheffield City Council
Shetland Islands Council
Tayside Contracts
Wigan Metropolitan Borough Council



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Awards 2025

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](#)

