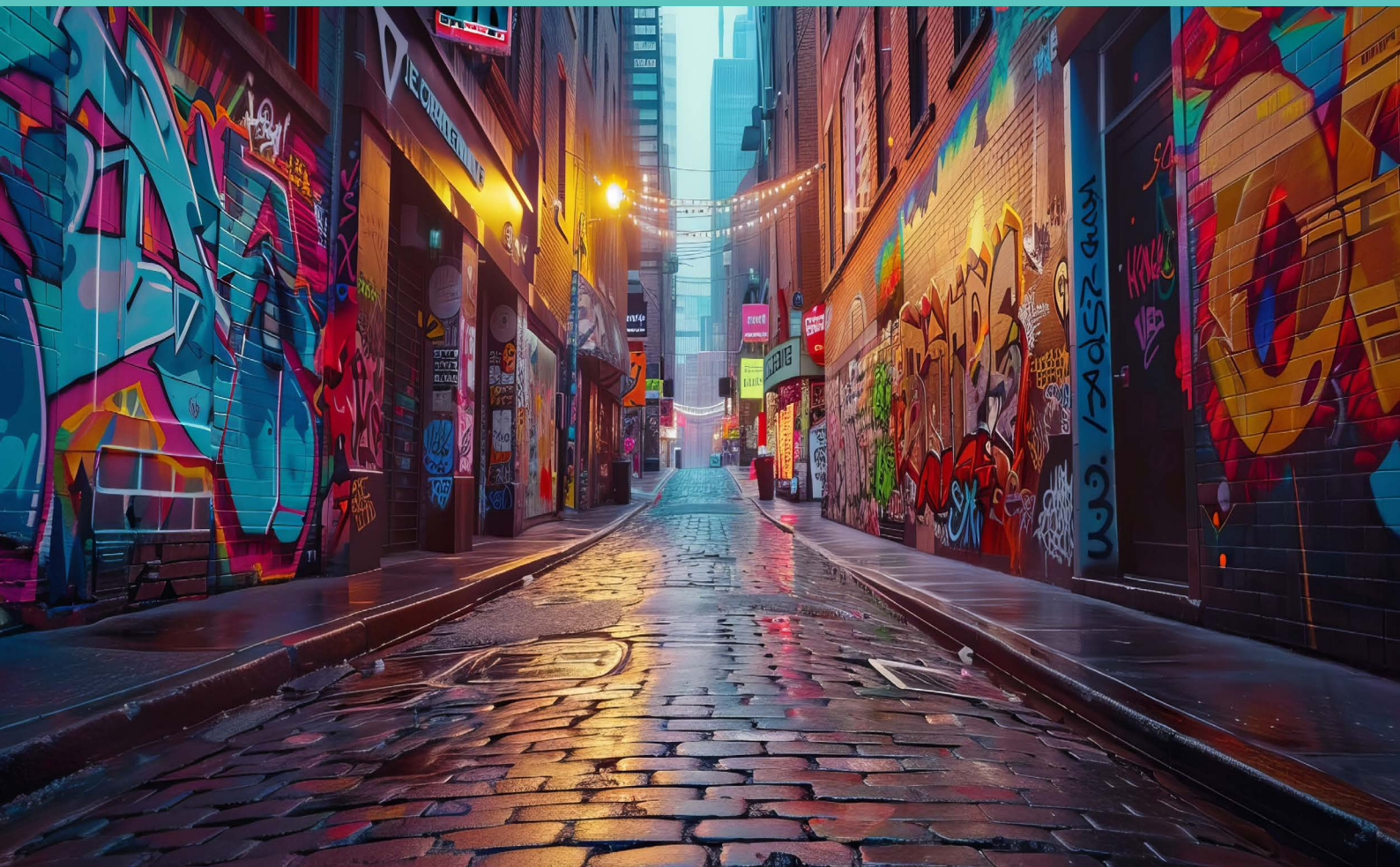


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APSE Northern Region Event and Annual General Meeting

From Graffiti to Grime: Local solutions for cleaner, safer neighbourhoods.



Wednesday 15 July 2026

The Milner York, Station Road, York YO24 1AA

FREE

for APSE
Northern Region
members

Programme

09.30 Registration and coffee

10.00 Session One

Welcome by the Chair

Cleaner, Safer Streets in a Historic City: A Political and Officer Perspective

- The challenges of keeping the streets of York clean
- Developing an effective approach that balances public expectations with constrained council budgets
- Ensuring a sustainable future for the service

Councillor Claire Douglas, Leader of the City of York Council, and Dave Atkinson, Director of Environmental and Regulatory Services

Utilising the LAMs APP to improve service delivery

- Measuring the quality of localities.
- Using the data to target resource
- Benchmarking against other authorities and identifying additional benefits

James Winters, Technical Officer – Environmental Maintenance, Sheffield City Council

Fly-tipping and Litter Strategy for Manchester

- Cleaner streets. Greener neighbourhoods. A city everyone can be proud of.
- Easier ways to bin it right — with clearer information, better services and support where it's needed most.
- No excuses for dumping. Stronger evidence, smarter reporting and tougher enforcement to tackle fly-tipping head on.

Sam Davies, Service Improvement Manager, Manchester City Council

Audience question and answer session

11.15 Coffee and Networking

11.45 Session two

Addressing Fly-Tipping: A High-Performing Local Authority Approach

- Building capacity to take a proactive approach
- 'Our streets' and community campaigns
- Targeted enforcement and licensed waste carrier checks

Emma Varnam, Nick Sayer, Mike Robinson, Thameside Metropolitan Borough Council

Establishing an In-House Environmental Enforcement Team

- Why an in-house environmental enforcement team is needed
- Its role and responsibilities
- Benefits for the community and the council

Rachel Gibson, Environment Health Service Manager, and Megan Wilcock, Project Officer, Knowsley Council

Audience question and answer session

12.30 Annual General Meeting

The APSE Northern Region AGM will provide an opportunity to contribute to discussions on regional representation on the National Council and other formal business.

13.00 Networking Lunch

Booking Information

About the Seminar

This APSE Northern Region event will examine the approaches councils are taking to address environmental crime, improve local environmental quality, and support safer, cleaner neighbourhoods.

Speakers will share examples of current practice from local authorities, including service delivery, enforcement, and community engagement, and consider the role these services play in maintaining clean, safe, and well-managed local environments.

Annual General Meeting

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Delegate Packages The delegate fee covers attendance, delegates' documentation and lunch/refreshments.

What's included?

The delegate fee covers attendance and delegates' documentation.

APSE Northern Region Members Delegate Fee: FREE OF CHARGE

APSE member delegate fee (Non-Northern Region) **£199 + VAT per person**

Non member delegates fee: **£299 + VAT per person**

Commercial delegates: **£432 + VAT per person**

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Venue

**The Milner York
Station Road
York
YO24 1AA**

Getting to the venue

Parking

The Milner York is conveniently located around 20 minutes from the A1 by car. Enter YO24 1AA into your sat nav for directions.

By train

The Milner York is conveniently located next to York Station, offering direct connections to numerous destinations across the country, including Newcastle, Edinburgh, and Manchester. Trains to London King's Cross take less than two hours, making travel quick and convenient.