



Dear Colleagues,

## APSE (Southern Region) Parks & Open Spaces Advisory Group Online Meeting

**Tuesday 19 September 2023 – 10:30 am to 12:30pm**

### Agenda:

**1. Welcome by the Chair**

**Chair:** Cllr Karen Rowland, Lead Councillor for Culture, Heritage and Recreation, Reading Borough Council

**2. APSE in your region – update**

**Speaker:** Abi Ademiluyi, Principal Advisor, APSE Southern Region

**3. Exploring alternatives to regular mowing of spaces**

- Introducing a relaxed mowing regime.
- Developing wildflower meadows areas.
- Lessons learnt and feedback about the approach.

**Speaker:** Richard Parmee, Biodiversity Project Manager, Babergh and Mid Suffolk councils.

**4. South Lanarkshire Pesticide Free Council**

- Trailing alternative methods to determine their efficiencies, costs and environmental factors.
- Reviewing chemical applications and looking at other means to control weeds.
- Investigating the costs and efficacy of alternative weed control methods.

**Speaker:** Colin Reid, Ground Services Manager, South Lanarkshire Council

**5. Group Discussion** - An opportunity for attendees to discuss the challenges and solutions their councils are experiencing.

### About the meeting

This online meeting will be hosted using **Microsoft Teams** and those signing up to join the meeting will receive an online joining link. Any PowerPoint slides and a link to related briefings and research will be made available to participants after the event. The chat function will also be available for participants to use as well as the opportunity to join in this online event through both video and audio facilities.

Click [HERE](#) to book online.

**The meeting will end at 12.30 pm**

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