

**APSE Scotland Housing, Construction & Building Maintenance Advisory Group
Online Meeting – Friday 1 December 2023 10.30AM to 12.00PM**

Welcome from Chair: Cllr George Paul, West Lothian Council

Speakers & Discussion items

Veterans Scotland and potential local authority collaboration

- The Armed Forces Covenant – what are the obligations
- What skills a Service Leaver or Veteran brings to employers
- Data on Homeless veterans
- Nomination Rights
- Tenancy Sustainment – how might Veterans Charities help local authorities
- Mutual Support – Training and Education of staff in Veterans Charities

Speaker: Jim Wilson, General Secretary, Veterans Scotland

Fife's Drone Team

This will provide the opportunity for colleagues to hear more about the building services drone team and how this addition to the service has helped with many aspects including health and safety as well as costs for scaffolding.

Speaker: Rob Robertson, Team Manager, Fife Council

Update on Scotland's Building and Housing Officers Process Mapping Group

This will provide the opportunity for colleagues not yet involved in the above officers group, to hear about the most recent meeting which took place on Friday 27th of October, with the focus on EIRCs.

Topics and speakers for APSE Scotland's Building & Housing Seminar 2024

This is the opportunity for attendees to discuss and provide feedback on the potential topics and speakers for the upcoming February 2024 event.

Building & Housing clinic: Any issue affecting service delivery including:

- **In house construction digital solutions**
- **EV charging point ideal distance for insurance purposes**
- **Percentage recharge to the Housing Revenue Account (HRA)**

This is the opportunity for attendees to discuss any challenges and solutions that councils are experiencing and adopting in relation to a particular issue.

APSE Update

Louise Melville, Principal Advisor, APSE