

APSE Scotland Parks, Grounds & Streets Network Meeting – Wednesday 27 August 2025 10.30 AM to 12.00PM

Welcome: Cllr Norman Hampshire, East Lothian Council

Speakers and discussion items

Working collaboratively: Nature Finance Fife

Speaker: Ed Heather-Hayes, Head of Development, Fife Coast & Countryside Trust

This will provide the opportunity for colleagues to hear about this collaborative initiative in Fife, focused on developing and delivering nature-based projects to improve the environment and support well-being.

Road sweeping and street cleansing solutions

Speaker: Representative, William Hamilton & Sons Ltd and APSE Approved Partner

This will provide an opportunity for colleagues to hear about their products can help with road sweeping, excavation and suction-based material removal.

Ash Dieback Toolkit Update

Speaker: Jon Stokes, Director of Trees, Science and Research, The Tree Council (inv)

This will provide an opportunity for colleagues to hear about the second edition of the action plan toolkit for local authorities which includes the latest evidence and up to date case studies.

Introduction of an APSE Scotland allotments sub-group

Speaker: Louise Melville, Principal Advisor, APSE Scotland

This will provide the opportunity for colleagues to discuss the potential of an allotments sub-group following the allotments workshops facilitated by APSE on behalf of Scottish Government. This sub-group will enable colleagues to continue discussions and share experiences specifically allotments related.

Parks, Grounds and Streets clinic: Any issue affecting service delivery including:

- **Training course for synthetic grass maintenance**
- **Robotic lawnmowers**
- **Removal of grass cuttings from wildflower, meadows, verges and species rich grasslands**
- **Safe storage of battery-operated machinery**

Speaker: Group Discussion

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

Speaker: Louise Melville, Principal Advisor, APSE

About the meeting

Any PowerPoint slides and a link to related briefings and research will be made available to participants after the event.

The meeting will end at 12.00 PM