

**APSE Scotland Parks, Grounds & Streets Advisory Group Meeting –
Wednesday 28 February 2024 10.30 AM to 12.00PM**

Welcome: Cllr Norman Hampshire, East Lothian Council

Speakers and discussion items

Vehicle options on all things Buggies, ATVs and Mules

Speaker: Ben Thierry, Head of public Sector Mobility and Duncan Scillitoe, Enterprise Mobility

This will provide the opportunity for colleagues to hear from APSE's Approved Partner Enterprise Mobility in terms of the various vehicle options available.

Transitioning fleet and plant equipment to EV and battery

Speaker: Group Discussion

This will provide the opportunity for colleagues to discuss and share experiences/developments in this area, such as trials of battery handheld equipment.

Highland Council's re-wilding project

Speaker: Debbie Sutton, Amenities Manager (South), The Highland Council

This will provide the opportunity for colleagues to hear from The Highland Council in terms of their re-wilding project and the work undertaken with communities to identify these areas. Colleagues can then share their own experiences on re-wilding greenspaces.

Biodiversity and Grassland Management sub-group updates

Speaker: Group Discussion

This will provide colleagues with an overview of the first sub-group meetings held at the end of January and provide the opportunity for further discussion as well as other volunteers to be added to the groups.

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

- **Cut and lift methods/ machinery for wildflower meadows or areas of reduced cutting**
- **Play area inspection and/ or resulting minor repairs**
- **Tree removal and cost recoveries**
- **Choosing the right asset management software for grounds maintenance, arboriculture and parks**

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