

APSE Scotland Parks, Grounds & Streets Advisory Group Meeting – Wednesday 6 September 2023 10.30 AM to 12.00PM

Welcome: Cllr Norman Hampshire, East Lothian Council

Speakers and discussion items

Circular Economy Bill – discussion regarding the Bill provisions

Speaker: Anne Dagg, Waste Prevention Team Leader, Scottish Government

Local Biodiversity Action Plans

Speaker: Discussion led by Andy Johnston, NETs, Land and Countryside Service Manager, West Lothian Council

This will provide the opportunity for colleagues to hear from West Lothian Council in terms of their local biodiversity plan and the involvement on their ecology and biodiversity team along with planning. We will then open for colleagues attending to discuss and share information on their biodiversity plans.

Nature Restoration Funding from Scottish Government

Speaker: Group Discussion

This will provide the opportunity for colleagues to discuss and share information on their allocation of the Nature Restoration Funding which was provided to all 32 local authorities and local authority plans on utilising this funding.

Transitioning fleet and plant/ equipment

Speaker: Group Discussion

This will provide the opportunity for colleagues to discuss and share information on their decarbonisation journey as well as looking at the changing fleet configuration and types of plant/ equipment to accommodate different working practices e.g. relaxed grass cutting.

Alternatives to glyphosate

Speaker: Group Discussion

This will provide the opportunity for colleagues to discuss and share information on the various alternatives being trialled and piloted as an alternative to glyphosate. In advance of the meeting APSE Scotland will issue a short survey to gather some of the alternatives being used across Scotland and the pros/ cons to these.

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