

**APSE National roads, street lighting and winter maintenance seminar 2015**

# **Highway operations: The practice of highways and lighting services**



A two-day seminar at the Raddisson Blu, Durham

Thursday 5 and Friday 6 March 2015



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# Programme: day one

Thursday 5 March 2015

10.00am Delegate registration and exhibition viewing

## 10:30am **Opening and welcome:**

Cllr Frank Anderson, West Lothian Council, Chair of APSE Roads, Highways and Street Lighting Advisory Group

10:35am **Session 1**

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### **Roads, Bridges and Lighting codes of practice**

- Context for change
- Likely revisions
- Implications for highway services

**Speaker:** Steve Berry OBE, Head, Highways Maintenance, Light Rail and Cableways Branch, DfT

### **Lighting – personal and practical topics**

- The need for training
- What should we expect from warranties for lights
- The future of switch off, dimming and trimming

**Speaker:** Mark Cooper, President - Institute of Lighting Professionals (Invited)

11:30am Tea/coffee break and exhibition viewing

12:00 **Session 2**

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### **Partnering and contract management.**

- Quality, performance and re-negotiation
- Ensuring trust
- How the pressures of austerity are driving local authority behaviour

**Speaker:** - Ian Bamforth, Highways Manager, Worcestershire County Council

### **Establishing a Hub for highways services - CORMAC style**

- Objectives and savings
- Combining functions and emerging benefits
- Investment in technology, a facility and staff

**Speaker:** Arthur Hooper, Managing director, CORMAC

1:00pm Buffet lunch and exhibition viewing

1:50pm **Workshops (re-run 2.25pm)**

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#### **1. What's around the corner?**

- Construction logistics and cyclist safety and Fleet Operator Recognition Scheme
- Impacts on highways users
- Future developments coming your way

**Speaker:** Glen Davies, Freight Development Manager, Transport for London

#### **2. New materials**

- Trialling low temperature asphalt
- The Midlothian approach
- Costs, saving and benefits

**Speaker:** Mark Rankine, Operations and Asset Manager, Midlothian Council

#### **3. Addressing road safety in Aberdeenshire**

- Practical changes on the road – cameras, bends, information, signage, ...

- Outcomes, impacts and future plans
- Lessons for the wider service/other roads

**Speaker:** Mark Skilling, Strategy Manager - Transportation and Infrastructure, Aberdeenshire Council

3:15pm Tea/coffee break and exhibition viewing

3:40pm **Session 3**

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### **Changing and investing in lighting**

- Prompts for action
- Managing communication, reaction and feedback
- Expected financial results and justification for the plans

**Speaker:** Simon Spedding, Group Manager (Design and Operations), South Gloucestershire Council

### **Turning around a service – a case study from Portsmouth**

- Arrangements in place for managing the contract
- Developing day to day services and handling one off events

- How to measure a good service

**Speaker:** Jane Tume, Portsmouth City Council

### **Investing to reduce the risk of flooding**

- How we prioritise our projects
- A range of projects completed and planned
- Working with partners

**Speaker:** Mark Newlands, Highways & Infrastructure Manager, North Tyneside Council

4.45pm Seminar close day one

## Evening programme

7:00pm Pre dinner drinks in exhibition

7:30pm Annual Dinner incorporating the **Highways and Street Lighting Apprentice of the Year Awards 2015**

10:00pm After dinner entertainment.

# Programme: day two

Friday 6 March 2015

9:30am **Session 4**

## Justifying an asset management approach

- Funding issues
- Planning your investments
- The importance of asset information

**Speaker:** Susan Robinson, Senior Property Advisor, CIPFA

## Products, suppliers and the market

- Suppliers and local government working to develop products
- What products are on the horizon
- Local authorities engaging in the process as test sites

**Speaker:** Derek Hardy, General Manager Commercial Strategy – Maintenance, LafargeTarmac and HTMA

## The Northamptonshire Maintenance Initiative

- Why we had to change
- Changes made - response times, quality, prevention, communication, targeted intervention
- Success and achievements

**Speaker:** Paul Hewitt, Network Manager, Northamptonshire County Council

11.00am Tea/coffee break and exhibition viewing

11.30am **Session 5**

## Utilising performance data to drive improvements – a case study from Derbyshire

- Information at the centre of the highways service
- Future funding
- A performance culture

**Speaker:** David Massey, Performance and Engagement Manager, Derbyshire County Council (Invited)

## Insurance – myths and reality

- The context for claims in Gateshead
- The insurance sector's approach
- Streamlining the process and examples of good practice

**Speaker:** Jerry Hulmes, Highway Manager, Gateshead Council and a representative from Gallagher Bassett

## Utilities – friend or foe? A view from Northern Gas

- Utilities and highways authorities – what is a good relationship?
- Changing and improving
- Case studies and future plans

**Speaker:** Ann Griffiths, Streetworks Manager, Northern Gas (Invited)

12:45pm Buffet lunch in exhibition area and seminar close

# Seminar objectives

This seminar will focus on operational issues because remaining up to date with developments across the roads, highways and street lighting sectors is vital for those responsible for day to day service delivery.

We will be hearing from speakers looking at operational topics including future funding, service improvement, asset valuation, pot hole repairs, lighting replacement programmes and insurance claims. There will also be contributions from HTMA who will share latest developments and the impacts of their work for local authorities.

Delegates will also hear about issues of support services, partnering, as well as the important topic of codes of practice.

Reduced investment in the highways and lighting networks and limited public funds have led to a situation where local authorities must look at a variety of options for delivering services. By inviting a number of practitioners to speak, the audience will hear how services have been changed and improved in a range of councils, the approaches that have been most successful and problems that have been overcome.

Whilst working within tight financial budgets is a constant theme, there is recognition that both roads and street lighting services are amongst the most important in the country and both can stimulate public opinion. There is no consistency about the reaction to dimming lights or switch off, to pot hole repairs versus a longer term approach or to the use of traditional or new materials. This is one of the reasons it is important to listen to differing approaches taken under differing local circumstances and the speakers at this seminar provide such an opportunity.

Learning from other professionals and councillors in similar circumstances remains vital and is a fundamental objective of APSE's work and as such this seminar has been planned to ensure this occurs.

## Who should attend?

- ♦ Elected members
- ♦ Service directors
- ♦ Roads managers
- ♦ Highways engineers
- ♦ Street lighting engineers
- ♦ Business managers
- ♦ Heads of service
- ♦ Procurement officers
- ♦ Trade union representatives
- ♦ Strategic policy consultants
- ♦ Contractors and suppliers

Reserve your place now by completing the booking form overleaf and faxing it back to Keisha Swaby at APSE on 0161 772 1811.

## The Venue

### Raddisson Blu Hotel

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## Payment information

What's included: The delegate fee covers attendance on both days, delegates' documentation, lunches and light refreshments, and dinner on the evening of Thursday 5 March. Accommodation is not included - please see below.

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Thursday 5 March 2015 (1 night B&B subsidised by APSE) = Single £70  
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