

APSE Scotland Soft FM Advisory Group Meeting – Tuesday 19 September 2023 10.30 AM to 12.00 PM

Welcome from Chair: Cllr Jim McMahon, East Ayrshire Council

1. International School Meals Day – Thursday 14 March 2024

Speaker: Lynn Gilmour, Senior Communications Officer – Digital Lead, Children in Scotland

This will provide colleagues the opportunity to hear about the soft launch and theme etc for 2024.

2. APSE Performance Networks Payscale exercise

Speaker: Louise Melville, Principal Advisor, APSE

This will provide colleagues with the opportunity to review and discuss the information now collated through the APSE Performance Networks templates for catering and cleaning.

3. Utilising bacteria for cleaning solutions

Speaker: Dr Pamela Carrillo, Advanced Bacterial Sciences

This will provide the opportunity for colleagues to hear about the solutions available which involve natural microorganisms to replace harmful chemicals as well as the health and environmental benefits.

4. UFSM return group discussion

This will provide the opportunity for colleagues to discuss their upcoming submission return which is due on the 22nd of September and any associated challenges e.g. uncertainty regarding funding and dates as well as revenue costs.

5. RAAC Concrete group discussion

This will provide the opportunity for colleagues to discuss the recent announcements and closures of a number of public buildings and schools until safety measures are in place and the challenges for Soft FM services.

6. Deposit Return Scheme: local authority group discussion

This will provide the opportunity for colleagues to discuss the recent developments regarding the revised go live date of October 2025 at the earliest following UK Government conditions for the scheme. Are services continuing to discuss and progress preparations for the new date?

7. Soft FM activity clinic: Any other issues affecting service delivery

Speaker: Group discussion

This will provide the opportunity for attendees to discuss any challenges and solutions that councils are experiencing and adopting in relation to a particular issue including:-

- Integrated catering, cleaning and janitorial services

8. APSE Update

Speaker: Louise Melville, Principal Advisor, APSE