

APSE Scotland Soft FM Advisory Group Meeting – Monday 26 August 2024 2 PM to 3.30 PM

Welcome from Chair: Cllr Jim McMahon, East Ayrshire Council

1. Overview of APSE Summer Roundtable – Priorities for Education Catering

Speaker: Louise Melville, Principal Advisor, APSE

This will provide colleagues with the opportunity to review and discuss the information gathered by APSE's Principal Advisor Vickie Hacking during the Summer Roundtable on Priorities for Education Catering.

2. Free School Meal Auto-enrolment

Speaker: Group discussion

This will provide colleagues the opportunity to discuss and debate auto-enrolment of free school meals including the potential benefits and challenges involved.

3. Scottish Government Free School Meal funding (£3.30)

Speaker: Group Discussion

This will provide colleagues with the opportunity to discuss and debate whether this funding is still fit for purpose. Looking at impacts such as inflation, food inflation, nutritional standards and the cost to produce a school meal.

4. APSE local authority building cleaning state of the market 2024

Speaker: Louise Melville, Principal Advisor, APSE

This will provide colleagues with the opportunity to review and discuss the responses to the recent APSE state of the market survey for building cleaning.

5. 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:-

- Management of pupils with ARFID
- Management attendance policies
- Charging for public conveniences

6. APSE Update

Speaker: Louise Melville, Principal Advisor, APSE