



APSE Scotland Parks, Grounds & Streets Network Meeting – Wednesday 30 October 2024 10.30 AM to 12.00PM

Welcome: Cllr Norman Hampshire, East Lothian Council

Speakers and discussion items

Scottish Borders Council – Grasslands Management Review: APSE Scotland Silver Striving for Excellence Award Winner

Speaker: Fiona Cameron, Operations Manager and Carol Cooke, Parks and Environment Manager, Scottish Borders Council

This will provide the opportunity for colleagues to hear about Scottish Borders Grasslands management review and how the initiative was introduced as an inclusive collaboration to address the needs of communities to gain the most from the greenspace managed by the Council.

Plymouth's Habitat Bank – Ocean City Nature

Speaker: Nigel Cotterill, Natural Grid Project Manager, Plymouth City Council

This will provide the opportunity for colleagues to hear about this innovative initiative which has utilised the creation of a mandatory Biodiversity Net Gain to create a new Habitat Bank, which has the ability to raise external investment to improve habitats across the city.

Play equipment inspections

Speaker: Group Discussion

This will provide the opportunity for colleagues to discuss and share current procedures and best practice across Scotland regarding play equipment inspections.

Biodiversity and Grassland Management sub-group updates

Speaker: Group Discussion

This will provide colleagues with an overview of the most recent sub-group meetings held in August 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:

- **Income generation within Parks and Neighbourhood services**
- **Ash dieback species replacement**
- **Asset Management software for neighbourhood services**

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