

APSE Scotland Building & Housing Advisory Group Online Meeting – Friday 5 August 2022 10.30 AM to 12.00PM

Welcome from Chair: Cllr George Paul, West Lothian Council

Speakers & Discussion items

Update and Q&A on the SHQS returns

Speaker: Helen Shaw, Director of Regulation, Scottish Housing Regulator

Advisory group work plan topics and areas of focus

This is the opportunity for attendees to discuss future topics and areas of focus for the group to cover over the course of the next year (and also beyond). Please note that any work plan will be flexible as areas of focus may be picked up or dropped back depending on the priorities for the group at the time. Some of the areas for consideration are:-

- **Scottish Government Green initiatives including EESSH standards, Domestic Building Environmental Standards (Scotland) Bill – Passihavus standard or equivalent and SHQS**
- **Overall council strategies and how these filter to Housing & Building services**
- **Local Authority modernisation plans including recruitment and retention, changes to work patterns, contractors, apprenticeship schemes and salaries**
- **Process benchmarking project**

Potential topics and speakers for APSE Scotland's Building & Housing Seminar 2023

This is the opportunity for attendees to discuss any particular speakers and topics they would like to see covered at the February 2023 seminar in Glasgow.

Building & Housing clinic: Any issue affecting service delivery including:

- **In house gas servicing**
- **Electrical safety inspections of housing stock**

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

Louise Melville, Principal Advisor, APSE

About the meeting

This online meeting will be hosted using Microsoft Teams and those signing up to join the meeting will receive an online joining link. Any PowerPoint slides and a link to related briefings and research will be made available to participants after the event. The chat function will also be available for participants to use as well as the opportunity to join in this online event through both video and audio facilities.

The meeting will end at 12.00 PM

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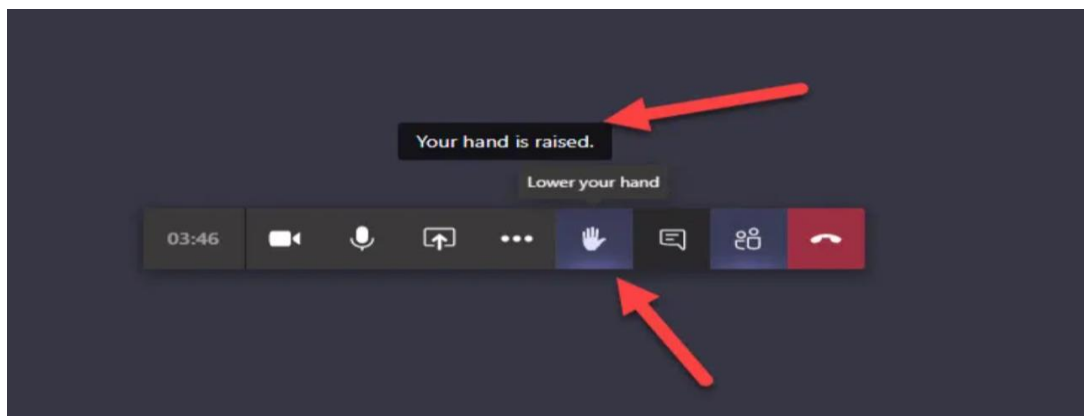
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