

## **APSE Roads & Lighting Services Advisory Group**

**Friday 22 November 2013**

**Tayside Contracts, Perth**

### **1. Introduction & Welcome**

The APSE Scotland's advisory group Chair Paul O'Kane thanked Tayside Contracts for their kind hospitality in hosting the meeting within Perth. Paul also thanked all for attending the meeting on the day.

### **2. Attendance & Apologies**

See attached

### **3. Minutes of 30 August 2013**

The minutes of the meeting on 30 August was agreed to be a true and accurate record.

### **4. Matters arising**

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

### **5. Glasgow's approach to winter maintenance**

The first presentation of the day was from David Russell and David McCabe from Glasgow City Council. David Russell began the presentation by providing the group with a brief history of the roads services within Glasgow. This included highlighting that the workforce has dropped by approximately 40% in the past 5 years and more than 50% of the roads network is priority routes.

David McCabe then when on to speak about the service itself including road operations (self help areas), operational communications and future service provisions.

Following the presentation questions were taken from the floor which included:-

- How well the self help areas worked?
- The amounts of salt used now compared with 5 years ago
- The type of salt used by Glasgow City Council

### **6. Developments in Weather Forecasting**

The next presentation was delivered by Steven Wallace from the MET Office. Steven provided the group with information on the forecasting process as well as the different types of weather observation.

Steven then went on to highlight the importance of forecast accuracy and the various models used by the MET office to achieve this. Steven then went on to talk about how all this information helped to feed the local authority forecast information. He also touched on route optimisation, localised variation and MORST.

Steven concluded his presentation with an update on current and future work of the MET office.

A group discussion followed which included a discussion on the GIS route smart IT system which is used by the MET office.

## **7. Out of hours drainage response within Falkirk Council**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> presentation of the day was from Bill Forsyth, Works Co-ordinator, Falkirk Council. Bill provided a background on Falkirk Council's road services blacksmiths, forestry, civils and drainage.

Bill highlighted the importance of buy in from other services within the Council including facilities, housing and flood prevention. Bill informed the group of some of the activities which the roads service now completed and updated the group on the new IT and equipment which was used by the workers.

A discussion followed with the group asking Bill further questions on the new equipment used by the service.

## **8. APSE update**

Louise McMillan provided a comprehensive update on the work of the Association. This included an update on the research projects which APSE would be working on over 2014 as well as the recent briefing papers.

The group were also informed that APSE had meetings scheduled with Cosla to provide a response to their commission on strengthening local democracy, SOCOEHS on the Protective services PN pilot currently under way in Scotland and the SHBVN to develop relationships between all organisations.

Louise also updated the group on APSE Solutions, APSE Training, Performance Networks and the upcoming seminars.

## **9. A.O.C.B**

There was no other competent business raised at the meeting

## **10. Date & venue of next meeting**

The next meeting of the group will be Friday 11 April 2014 and the venue will once again hopefully be Tayside Contracts.

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### Attendee List

<b>Name</b>	<b>Council</b>
Louise McMillan	APSE
Margo Blair	APSE
Brian Strachan	Aberdeen City Council
Keith Milne	Aberdeenshire Council
Aled Davies	East Ayrshire Council
Hugh Durnan	East Dunbartonshire Council
Cllr Paul O'Kane	East Renfrewshire Council
Raymond Smith	Falkirk Council
Billy Forsyth	Falkirk Council
David Lackie	Fife Council
David McCabe	Glasgow City Council
David Russell	Glasgow City Council
Steven Wallace	MET Office
Mark Rankine	Midlothian Council
David Miller	Midlothian Council
Steven Walker	North Ayrshire Council
Karen Thomson	Scotland Excel
Jamie Wright	Stirling Council
Brenda Donaldson	Tayside Contracts
Stewart Ormond	West Dunbartonshire Council

### Apologies

Cllr Jack Coburn	Perth & Kinross Council
Dougie McKay	Tayside Contracts
Bill Lennox	Aberdeenshire Council
Derek Murray	Moray Council
Alan Simpson	City of Edinburgh Council
John MacCormick	Argyll & Bute Council
Stewart Clark	Argyll & Bute Council
Jack McAulay	West Dunbartonshire Council
Grace Irvine	East Dunbartonshire Council
Iain Waddell	Tayside Contracts
Roger Blaine	Tayside Contracts
Joe Smith	North Ayrshire Council