

APSE Roads & Lighting Services Advisory Group

Friday 7 November 2014

Tayside Contracts, Perth

1. Introduction & Welcome

Cllr Paul O'Kane welcomed all to the meeting and thanked all for attending. Cllr O'Kane also thanked Tayside Contracts for their continued hospitality here in Perth.

2. Attendance & Apologies

See attached.

3. Minutes of 15 August 2014

The minutes of the meeting on 15 August was agreed to be a true and accurate record.

4. Matters arising

It was asked around the room whether any local authorities were looking into any other forms of Roads Costing System. Stirling highlighted they have a system which performs some tasks but were looking into the RCM highlighted in the presentation on the 15 August by Joe Smith, North Ayrshire Council.

5. Developing the circular economy within roads maintenance

The first presentation of the day was delivered by Ewan Duncan, Tayside Contracts. Ewan began his presentation with a short introduction on waste costs and highlighted some of the information from the Scottish Resources conference which included some new uses for waste. Ewan then went onto provide the group with some information on the recycle facility and various waste streams including gully waste. As well as highlighting how they are then re-used within their services.

Ewan highlighted that there were a number of different methods for treatment and disposal of street cleaning residues with varying amounts of expense attached to each method. Tayside Contracts have decided on the reed bed/ ecological option and the next few slides provided diagrams of the various processes involved. Ewan noted that there was a potential save of up to £15,000 on water rates by using a pond to re-use the water. As well as the water savings, Ewan provided the group with some other figures including treatment costs per gully and the funding provided via WRAP for the waste separation machinery.

Ewan completed the presentation with a brief overview of another project (Tayset) which is currently underway. This has been used at Junction 10 at Stirling's Park & Ride and are also working with South Lanarkshire in some of these areas.

At the end of the presentation there were a number of questions including the transfer of waste for reed beds. Ewan noted that on average it was approximately 15 miles but this depends on whether working with high or low value waste sources.

North Ayrshire Council thanked Dougie MacKay and Tayside Contracts for their help in putting together their reed bed proposal.

6. Multi use vehicles: Vehicle utilisation & efficiencies

The next presentation was delivered by Gary Mitchell, Glasgow City Council. Gary provided information on the reasons why Glasgow City Council decided to choose a multi use vehicle; these included decreasing budgets, limited resources and HAVS.

Gary then went on to outline some of the challenges in making the decision to invest in a multi use vehicle. These included breaking Council departmental barriers, resistance to change and convention and innovation.

Before closing with some of Glasgow's observations in relation to the multi use vehicle, Gary provided some information on the innovations and enhanced versatility associated with using these types of vehicle.

There were a number of questions for Gary including some of the costs associated with buying a multi use vehicle. As well as what licence requirements/ other specifics were needed by operatives using these vehicles.

7. APSE/ SCOTS performance networks update

Dorothy Reid, Falkirk Council provided an update to the group. This included information on a new year on year report which APSE/ Dave Knapman are currently working on and will be looked at in more detail at the APSE Performance Networks Seminar in Blackpool this December.

8. Discussion of issues effecting service delivery

There was a number of discussion items covered during this agenda item including:-
DCPC requirements

Recovering training costs following a staff departure to a new organisation

Tachographs

Health & Safety arrangements for "cut-off" saw in dealing with crystalline silica dust

Louise agreed to issue a couple of these as network queries to the group with all responses circulated to all in attendance.

9. APSE Update

Louise McMillan provided a comprehensive update on the work of the Association. This included an update on the research projects which had been recently completed by APSE including the Better Business: Councils shaping markets for public value publication.

The group were also informed of upcoming research projects taking place including Waste: A Brave New World and The Value of School Meals to Public Health, both due for release by the end of 2014.

Louise also updated the group on the various forms of advocacy undertaken by APSE recently including working with Scottish Government & NHS Health Scotland on the evaluation of free school meals, APSE Scotland's parliamentary launch of APSE Energy and our continued attendance at Party Political Conferences.

Louise completed the presentation by updating the group on APSEs services including APSE Solutions, APSE Training, APSE Energy, Performance Networks and the upcoming seminars.

10. A.O.C.B & Future Agenda Items

It was agreed that should attendees have any suggestions for future topics these would be emailed to Louise McMillan in the APSE office.

11. Date & venue of next meeting

The date and venue of the next meeting will be Friday 30th January 2015 at Tayside Contracts, Inveralmond depot.

Attendee List

Name	Council
Louise McMillan	APSE
Richard Blain	Aberdeen City Council
Brian Strachan	Aberdeen City Council
Bill Lennox	Aberdeenshire Council
Margo Blair	APSE Solutions
Norrie Dixon	City of Edinburgh Council
Sean Gilchrist	City of Edinburgh Council
George Kennedy	City of Edinburgh Council

Doug McKay	Dundee City Council
Iain Mawhinney	East Dunbartonshire Council
Cllr Paul O'Kane	East Renfrewshire Council
Dorothy Reid	Falkirk Council
David Lackie	Fife Council
Gary Mitchell	Glasgow City Council
Christopher Burns	Glasgow City Council
David McCabe	Glasgow City Council
Robin Pope	Highland Council
David Miller	Midlothian Council
Jonathan Gordon	Midlothian Council
Stewart Walker	North Ayrshire Council
Alistair Finnie	Scottish Borders Council
Jamie Wright	Stirling Council
Ewan Duncan	Tayside Contracts
Brenda Donaldson	Tayside Contracts

Apologies

Joe Smith	North Ayrshire Council
Raymond Smith	Falkirk Council
George Davidson	Ayrshire Roads Alliance
Douglas Hill	Angus Council
John Wallace	Renfrewshire Council