

## **Apse Transport & Mechanical Services Group**

**28<sup>th</sup> August 2013**

**Dower House, Kilmarnock**

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

The APSE Transport & Mechanical advisory group secretary Emil Laiolo thanked East Ayrshire Council for their kind hospitality in hosting the meeting within Dower House. Emil also thanked all for attending and welcomed new faces to the meeting.

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

See attached

### **3. Minutes of 13<sup>th</sup> March 2013**

### **4. Matters arising**

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

### **5. Driving Changes in Fleet Services**

The first presentation of the day was from Ian Moffat, Head of Environmental & Commercial Services, Inverclyde Council. Ian provided a detailed overview of the fleet services within Inverclyde Council & the challenges which were faced to drive forward the service.

Ian then went on to inform the group of the key milestones to date which included the Council approval of the fleet model and the average age of the fleet being reduced from 7.9 years to 2.9 years. Along with increased customer satisfaction and improved staff morale within the services.

Ian finished by highlighting some of the current changes which are underway as well as ones for the future, which included the new purpose built state of the art depot within Inverclyde. As well as this Ian highlighted to all the importance of benchmarking & using the APSE benchmarking service to do this.

A detailed discussion followed the presentation with some members of the group asking Ian about the model & super depot.

### **6. Van Excellence Accreditation**

Mark Cartwright, Head of Vans & Light Commercial Vehicles, FTA provided the group with a presentation on the Van Excellence accreditation.

This included why it was being introduced, what it was and how you could go about becoming involved. Mark also highlighted that they were in discussions with the large insurance companies regarding premium reductions if it was highlighted you were accredited.

A discussion followed including the costs involved with the accreditation.

#### **7. APSE Rising Star Fleet Winner: Efficiency in Fleet Management**

The third presentation of the day was from Graham Hodgkins, Asset Manager, Fife Council. Graham was the winner of the recent APSE Rising Star award within Fleet which was presented at the Aviemore conference in May. Graham presented to the group on the fleet strategy within Fife's Building services division.

This presentation included a review of the service, the strategy & rationale behind the step changes which were put in place and trends. This included the introduction of a number of new Health & Safety and new vehicle recording procedures. Helping to create greater flexibility & stability within the service.

During his presentation Graham provided some information on the Council's super depot which is within Bankhead. Finally Graham concluded the presentation by highlighting some of the efficiencies which included £188,800 savings on contract leases and £73,800 of fuel savings.

A discussion then followed within the group.

#### **8. APSE Update**

Louise McMillan, Principal Advisor for APSE Scotland provided a full update to the group on the current work of APSE both Nationally & Locally. This included information on the traded services of the organisation, information on the new Protective services pilot with PN which was now under way, the various briefings from the Association and a review of the recent and upcoming events. This included a brief review of the recent Social Media seminar which took place in Hampden and the upcoming Annual seminar, exhibition & service awards which takes place in Liverpool the following week.

Louise wishes all councils at the meeting good luck in the Service Awards and hoped to be reporting back good news on the Scottish region post ceremony.

#### **9. AOCB**

There was no other competent business.

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

Fife Council kindly agreed to host the next meeting of the group in Dunfermline on 20 November 2013.



## **Apologies**

Cllr Danny Gibson	Stirling Council
Bob Ritchie	Tayside Contracts
Cllr Jim Coleman	Glasgow City Council
Ronnie Dempster	Dumfries & Galloway Council
Gary Craig	East Ayrshire Council
Kevan Aitken	East Ayrshire Council
Eddie Spence	East Ayrshire Council
Malcolm Rae	East Ayrshire Council
Graham Johnstone	North Lanarkshire Council
John Stewart	North Lanarkshire Council
Bill Morton	Perth & Kinross Council