



APSE Highways, Street Lighting and Winter Maintenance Seminar 2024



20-21 March 2024

Doubletree by Hilton Westerwood Glasgow

Programme

Day One: 20 March

10:00

Session One

Conference Opening

Mo Baines, Chief Executive, APSE

The State we're in - highways and street lighting

- Public perception (APSE/Survation survey)
- Satisfaction ratings on roads, highways and street lighting services
- Where does the public want the government and councils to spend its tax pound?

Rob Bailey, Principal Advisor, APSE

The Ambition for Highways

- The challenges and ambition for modern highways
- Funding options and how to source them
- The important role of local authorities

Kevin Hamilton, Scottish Road Works Commissioner

Where next for local authority lighting?

- Future focus for the next generation of lighting
- Developing and upskilling the profession
- Smart safer cities and role of the lighting

Rebecca Hatch, President and Justin Blades, CEO, Institution of Lighting Professionals

Audience question and answer session

11:15 Break and exhibition viewing

11:45 Session Two - Innovation

The Improvement Journey for Highways

- Building capacity and re-energising the service
- Overcoming recruitment and retention
- Funding dilemmas and contrasts with rest of UK

Stephen Hall, Interim Head of Roads and Infrastructure, Dumfries and Galloway Council

Innovation on the Highway

- Chasing scale and efficiency on Highway renewal
- Lighting of grid, solutions and application
- Case studies from Wigan MBC

John Williams, Highways Asset Manager -Wigan Council

Audience question and answer session

13:00 Lunch and exhibition viewing

14:00 Session Three - Public engagement and Performance

Involving the public in defect reporting

- 'Love Clean Streets' for Highway issues
- Lancashire County Council rollout
- Benefits and pitfalls overcome

Helen Taylor & Ian Blackburn, Bbits Ltd.

Performance in Highways, Lighting & Winter Maintenance

- Demonstrating performance – the Core Highway / APSE approach
- Monitoring and challenging costs whilst driving performance
- Results to date and likely improvements into the future

Andy Martin, APSE Associate

Audience question and answer session

14:50 Break and exhibition viewing

15:30 Session Four - Chasing Net-Zero

North Lanarkshire and the LiveLabon Decarbonisation

- Efficient and carbon reducing treatments
- Whole life carbon lifecycle planning.
- Sustainable road maintenance solutions

Scott Walker, Asset Services Manager, North Lanarkshire Council

"Carbon Accounting & Carbon Reduction: Tools & Guidance"

- Comprehensive and consistent standards for carbon accounting for LHAs.
- Repeatable, transparent, and robust processes for emissions assessments
- Strategic carbon reduction options based on accurate carbon baseline

Simon Wilson, Research Programme Director, Future Highways Research Group

Audience question and answer session

16:30 Day one close

Evening Programme

19:00 Pre dinner drinks

19:30 **Innovation Awards 2024**

Also featuring the Highways and Street Lighting Apprentice Awards 2024

Day Two: 21 March

10:00 Session Five

The Annual ALARM Road Condition Survey 2023

- Trends in funding and highways delivery
- Road Condition Index (RCI) data
- Conclusions and asks from Government

Rick Green, Chairman of The Asphalt Industry Alliance

Cormac - 11 year of delivering value for our communities"

- Delivering highways through a wholly owned company
- Cornwall's highways journey
- Future ambition

Dominic Bostock, Managing Director & Andy James, Business Director, Cormac Solutions & Cormac Contracting

Audience question and answer session

11:00 Break and exhibition viewing

11:30 Session Six

Selective & Dynamic Routing - Operational Efficiencies in Winter Maintenance

- Overview and expectations
- How it works – Scandinavian examples
- Elements of success

Debbie Cavanagh, UK Sales Manager, Safecote

The Low Carbon Alternative :Retexturing

- Restoring highways anti-skid properties
- Restoring original colour to decorative resin-based surfaces
- Ideal pre-treatment before surface dressing

Leigh Foster, Retexturing Specification Manager, WJ Group

Highways Clinic

Rob Bailey, Principal Advisor, APSE

Audience question and answer session

13:00 Close

About the Seminar

2024 will likely see a General Election and possible change of Government. Whoever wins, the funding prospects for highways are unlikely to improve drastically in the short term. The industry is still reeling from substantial rises in material and energy costs. Inflation has driven up wage costs in a sector already struggling with recruitment difficulties. Highways Authorities will have to be still more innovative and more focused, getting best value in maintaining the 97.6% of highway assets within the Local Authority remit.

Carbon reduction has been embraced by authorities across the UK. Most authorities have set targets for carbon reduction and highways and street lighting are at the forefront of efforts to tackle emissions. The seminar will again highlight the actions taken to quantify and monitor CO2 along with plans for decarbonisation across the entire supply chain

Involving the public in highways has never been easier with smart phones and apps. The seminar will explore the experience of moving to integrated app based reporting, the costs and benefits to the authority and channel shift away from call centres. Several local authorities will detail their improvement journey and the trials and tribulations of running highways, street lighting and winter maintenance in the current climate

Whilst spending on A roads has improved, budgetary pressures have seen that spent on minor roads at a decade low. The APSE / Suration survey continues to find widespread support for more money to be spent locally on roads and highways. The public hugely values highways maintenance, street lighting and winter maintenance and resilience services. This seminar will explore the core issues which will impact on the sector in the near future as well as the longer-term challenges.

With industry experts and local authority case studies, this seminar is a must attend event and will provide an excellent learning opportunity for Highways and Street Lighting teams; bringing forward ideas for cost efficiency, innovation and funding streams.

Booking Information

Delegate Packages Exclusive of VAT

What's included?

The delegate fee covers attendance, delegates' documentation, lunches and light refreshments and dinner on the evening of Thursday 23 March.

APSE member delegate fee: **£255 + VAT**

Non member delegates fee: **£399 + VAT**

Commercial delegates: **£469 + VAT**

Accommodation Available on a 'first-come, first-served' basis

Option A: 1 night accommodation
Date: 20 March 2024 **Cost(B&B) £85* Subsidised by APSE**

Option B: 1 night accommodation
Date: 19 March 2024 **Cost(B&B) £125***

Option C: 2 nights accommodation
Dates: 19-20 March 2024 **Cost(B&B) £210***

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