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APSE Highways, Street Lighting and Winter Maintenance Seminar 2025



Thursday 20 March 2025

Celtic park, Glasgow, G40 3RE

Programme

09:30 Registration

10:00 Session One - State of Highways

Conference Opening

Mo Baines, Chief Executive, APSE

The State we're in - highways and street lighting

- Public perception (APSE/Strvation 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

Back to basics - are we doing it right?

- The challenges and ambition for modern highways
- Dealing with a material and wage inflation
- The important role of local authorities

Richard Hayes, Past President and Professional Consultant to IHE

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

Justin Blades, CEO, Institution of Lighting Professionals

Audience question and answer session

11:20 Break and exhibition viewing

11:40 Session Two - Innovation

Sustainable Highway Construction

- Decarbonising the supply chain
- Asphalt recycling and tar remediation
- Developing aggregate options

Dr Helen Bailey, Asphalt Programme lead, University of Derby.

Gully Maintenance revisited

- Lancashire's approach to Gully maintenance
- The increasing stresses on the infrastructure
- Smarter and data driven choices

Peter McGeoch, Highways Group Manager, Lancashire County Council

Audience question and answer session

12:40 Lunch and exhibition viewing

13:30 Session Three - Apprentice awards, Asset management & Efficient working

Assuring Performance from Asset Management

- Demonstrating performance
- Monitoring and challenging costs
- Roads Asset Management Planning

Laura Moffatt, Glasgow City Council and SCOTS Roads Asset Management Project

Highways across multiple Authorities

- Highways delivery across Angus, Dundee and Perth & Kinross Councils
- Managing expectations with multiple stakeholders
- Benefits of scale and efficiency

Dougie McKay, Head of Operations, Tayside Contracts

Audience question and answer session

Transport Apprentice Awards 2025

To be announced by Enterprise Group

14:40 Break and exhibition viewing

15:00 Session Four - The supply chain is key

Innovation on the Electrical Highway

- The changing face of supply
- Lighting of grid, solutions and application
- Highway Electrical Registration Scheme (HERS)

Michael Levack, Chief Executive, Highways Electrical Association

Traffic Management Fleet

- Flexibility in vehicle procurement through short and long term hire
- Benefits of sourcing dedicated fully-equipped vehicles
- Safety for cyclists and camera vision to avoid blind-spots

Benjamin Thierry, Head of Public Sector, Enterprise Flex – E – Rent

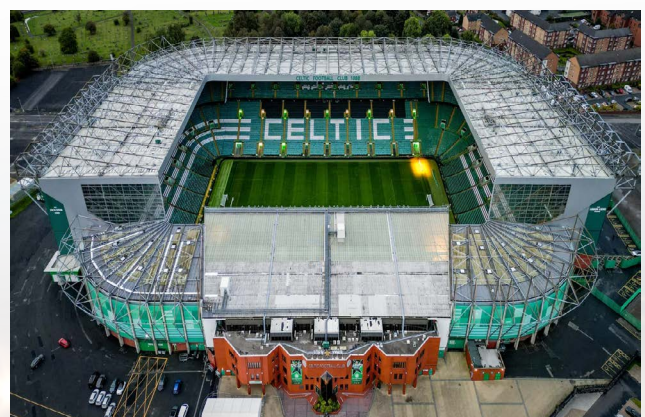
Innovation and AI in the highways sector

- An insight into the future of municipal vehicles
- How technology and AI are changing operations
- A look to the future

Craig Mitchell, Bucher Municipal

Audience question and answer session

16:00 Seminar Close



About the Seminar

2025 find the UK with a new Labour Government but with limited options in a continuingly difficult economic outlook. Local government re-organisation in England looks set to bring an end to traditional counties and spawn a raft of new unitary authorities. Could functions like highways may be better delivered via joint arrangements, potentially benefiting from economies of scale and. Tayside contracts may provide the blue-print.

Changes to tax and national Insurance will impact costs and require an even greater emphasis on efficient procurement and delivery of highway services. The industry is still reeling from substantial rises in material and energy costs and inflation has driven up wage costs in a sector already struggling with recruitment difficulties.

The emphasis on carbon reduction is set to increase and that has implications for fleet and asphalt procurement. Substantial investment is heralded in new power generation and transmission however there will be an inevitable lag whilst the infrastructure is built. Local Government is left facing a dilemma about which vehicles to buy when charging is potentially problematic. Decarbonisation of the supply chain is paramount, but we have taken the quick wins and the options remaining are increasingly costly.

Whilst spending on A roads has improved, budgetary pressures have seen that spent on minor roads at a decade low. The APSE / Survation 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

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