

APSE Roads & Street Lighting advisory group
Minutes 20th April 2018

1. Introduction & Welcome

Cllr Frank Anderson, Chair of the Roads and Street Lighting advisory group welcomed all to the meeting and thanked Tayside Contracts for their continued hospitality shown to the group as hosts.

2. Attendance and Apologies

See attached.

3. Minutes of previous meeting 10th November 2018

The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate account of the meeting.

4. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

5. Measuring customer satisfaction for roads maintenance

Debbie Johns and Dot Reid presented to the group on the draft SCOTS survey which APSE can provide as part of the Performance Networks service. The satisfaction survey can be sent to local authorities as a link to then host on their websites or emailed to customers.

Once surveys have been completed the Performance Networks team can analyse and provide findings. There is no limit to the number of web based responses which can be analysed for free but there is a limit of 200 for a paper based survey, however PN can analyse more but due to the verification process there would be a fee attached to this.

There was then a general discussion around the draft survey questions, these can be found on the presentation slides by [clicking here](#). It was agreed that a draft survey would be issued to the advisory group before the next meeting of the advisory group where an update will be given.

6. Harnessing data and technology to enhance asset management

Alex Croston began his presentation with an introduction, highlighting the two main areas he would look to concentrate on this morning.

Data

- Sensors (bridge structures, drones, satellites)
- Annual surveys

Integration

- Sensors
- Putting sensors into problem sites in the first instance.

Alex highlighted some of the important technological advances which were helping Roads Services keep an up to date account of their roads network. This included Dynamic route optimisation which allows you to find the fastest route to get multiple jobs completed. As well as these areas Alex also highlighted some of the exciting future technology which is also on the horizon. This includes autonomous motors, vehicles speaking to asset system looking at the state of our road network.

Visualisation of data

- Important to view at different scales
- Important to see the different aspects of your assets

Strategic asset management

- Locally defined maintenance rules

- Multiple scenarios
- Multi-year-programme
- Prioritise maintenance

Model for the future

- Inventory & condition of assets
- Need to know how asset will deteriorate
- Recognise service interventions to reverse deterioration
- Money & performance targets
- Prioritisation

Deterioration model recalculates through time as new data is added

7. Commercialisation

There was a general discussion around commercialisation, with some authorities confirming they were looking at potential areas while others were not. It was agreed that Colin McInnes would look at this as a potential process benchmarking topic.

Discussions around the following areas were discussed:-

- Value for money
- Capacity issues to risk investment
- Collaboration

Louise Melville also confirmed she would be happy to pass on the Dumfries & Galloway Commercial strategy which Ronnie Dempster had spoken about at a previous commercialisation networks meeting, should any attendees wish a copy.

8. Future topics and speaker suggestions for 2018

The group agreed to have a think about potential topics and speakers for future meetings and either provided to these to Louise post meeting or at the next meeting of the group taking place in August.

9. Process Benchmarking

It was agreed that Debbie & Louise would highlight to Colin McInnes the area of Commercialisation which the group are potentially interested in adopting as a process benchmarking topic.

10. APSE Update

Louise Melville provided the group with an update on all of the recent work of the Association both in Scotland and UK wide. This included information on recent briefings and publications including a **number of APSE Energy publications which focus on "Energy across the authority" and "ECO funding"**. Louise also provided the group with information on the various areas of advocacy APSE were involved in, including Party Political Conferences. With the latest (SNP conference) which is to be held in Aberdeen at the start of June. As well as exhibiting at the conference APSE **will also hold a fringe event on "Local Government Finance: Are we at a cliff edge?"**. Finally, Louise provided information on the other services provided by APSE which included an update on the Annual Seminar & Service Awards this year taking place in Edinburgh.

11. AOCB

There was no other competent business tabled at this meeting.

12. Date of Next Meeting

The date and venue of the next meeting will be Friday 24th August at the Tayside Contracts Depot in Perth.

13. Lunch

Attendee List

Name	Council
Stuart Young	Aberdeen City Council
Kevin Massie	Aberdeen City Council
Louise Melville	APSE
Debbie Johns	APSE
David Dickson	City of Edinburgh Council
Sean Gilchrist	City of Edinburgh Council
Ronnie Mackenzie	Dundee City Council
Ian King	East Lothian Council
Ruth Colston	East Lothian Council
Ryan Robertson	East Lothian Council
Eleni Gigourtaki	East Lothian Council
Dot Reid	Falkirk Council
Ewan Hogg	Falkirk Council
Bill Liddle	Fife Council
Malcolm McLachlan	Glasgow City Council
Calum Stewart	Glasgow City Council
Marie Fitzpatrick	Glasgow City Council
John MacLennan	Highland Council
Stewart Walker	North Ayrshire Council
Kenny Snedden	Stirling Council
Ron Mackenzie	Tayside Contracts
Mark Melnyk	Tayside Contracts
Kevin Hamilton	West Lothian Council
Kenneth Brown	West Lothian Council
Cllr Frank Anderson	West Lothian Council

Apologies

Glen Kane	East Lothian Council
John MacCormick	Argyll and Bute Council
Brenda McDonald	Inverclyde Council
Stewart Ormond	West Dunbartonshire