

Scottish Roads & Street Lighting advisory group
Minutes of meeting 25 November 2016
Tayside Contracts, Perth

1. Introduction and Welcome

Cllr Paul O’Kane, Chair of the advisory group thanked everyone for attending today’s meeting in Perth. Cllr O’Kane also thanked Tayside Contracts for their continued support in hosting this advisory group meeting.

Before commencing with the agenda, Cllr O’Kane confirmed with the group that due to an unfortunate back injury Dr Howard Robinson has been unable to attend the meeting. Dr Robinson and APSE apologise for any inconvenience but would like to confirm that Dr Robinson will be in attendance at the next meeting in January to provide his presentation to the group.

2. Attendance & Apologies

Please see attached.

3. Minutes of previous meeting

The group agreed that the previous minutes provided a true and accurate record of the meeting held on 2 September 2016.

4. Matters Arising

There was no matters arising from the previous meeting.

5. The importance of accurate data within Whole Government Accounts and Highways Network Asset

Gareth Davies, Policy & Technical Manager, CiPFA provided a detailed presentation on the Whole Government Accounts and the Highways Network Asset. This included a CiPFA/ LASAAC (Local Authority Scotland Accounts Advisory Committee) update regarding the deferment of the implementation of the HNA current value in 2016/17 annual accounts. Gareth explained that this was due to the Gross Replacement Cost Rates not being available, the central assurance process and readiness of inventory and measurement data for audit.

The group were informed that “CiPFA/LASAAC will review this position at its meeting in March 2017 with a view to implementation in 2017/18. In making its decision in March CiPFA/LASAAC will be looking to ensure that central GRC rates and central assurance processes will be delivered in a timely manner to allow successful implementation”.

As part of the presentation Gareth also provided information on the work of the LASAAC working group.

6. Issues affecting service delivery

Due to the changes to the agenda the group held round table discussions on a number of issues affecting service delivery. These included:-

- Road surfacing and issues in terms of utilities pipe damage
- Winter operations in non-primary carriageway networks
- Drivers hours and struggle to recruit/ keep winter maintenance drivers
- Fleet (proportion of dedicate to multi-purpose)
- Harbours

7. SCOTS/ APSE Performance Networks Update

Louise Melville provided a short update to the group. The group asked when they would be likely to receive the SCOTS report which has usually been issued by this date, it was noted that there had been a few discrepancies which were currently being reviewed but Louise would ask Dot/ Debbie when the reports would be issued.

There was also a discussion on the PIs used within the APSE PN awards and the methodology process. Louise agreed to contact Debbie Johns, Head of Performance Networks to pass on the comments and feedback received from the group. Louise also confirmed that the PIs used are usually reviewed by a working group and would ask for the Scottish group to be involved in this process in future.

8. Process benchmarking update

In the absence of Colin McInnes, Louise confirmed to the group that following the last meeting only one other flooding questionnaire had been returned to Colin. The group then confirmed that a number hadn't received the questionnaire post the 2 September meeting to complete and return to Colin.

Louise confirmed that she would issue the questionnaire directly to all within the room as soon as received from Colin and also for all to complete and return to herself by the date of the next meeting (24th January 2017).

9. Discussions of issues affecting service delivery and network queries

This agenda item had been covered in detail within item 6 of the meeting.

10. APSE Update

Louise Melville provided the group with an update on the work of the association included the newest piece of research "Work it out: Creating local systems of Employability support". This collaborative report from APSE and NLGN scrutinises the current place of local authorities in tackling unemployment. Louise also provided the group with information on APSE's new Promoting Excellence You Tube programme which looks at a number of innovative case studies from local authorities including Liverpool and Aberdeen City. Finally, Louise provided information on the other services provided by APSE including Energy, Solutions, Training, Performance Networks and events.

Attendance & Apologies

Attendance

Name	Council
Louise Melville	APSE
Fiona Kirk	Aberdeen City Council
Stuart Young	Aberdeen City Council
Bill Lennox	Aberdeenshire Council
Eric Nicoll	Angus Council
Iona Kerr	Argyll & Bute Council
Kevin McIntosh	Argyll & Bute Council
Morag Cupples	Argyll & Bute Council
Ian Darlington	Cheshire East Council
Sean Gilchrist	City of Edinburgh Council
David Dickson	City of Edinburgh Council

Ken McKenzie	City of Edinburgh Council
Liam Greene	East Dunbartonshire Council
Cllr Paul O'Kane	East Renfrewshire Council
Brian Orde	East Renfrewshire Council
Ewan Hogg	Falkirk Council
Bill Liddle	Fife Council
Brendan Frankgate	Glasgow City Council
Cllr Stephen Dornan	Glasgow City Council
Christine Francis	Glasgow City Council
John MacLennan	Highland Council
Brenda McDonald	Inverclyde Council
Stewart Walker	North Ayrshire Council
Billy Johnstone	Orkney Islands Council
Donald Scott	Scottish Borders Council
George Wells	South Lanarkshire Council
Kenny Sneddon	Stirling Council
Gordon MacLachlan	Stirling Council
Ewan MacNaughton	Tayside Contracts
Dave Gillies	Tayside Contracts
Stewart Ormond	West Dunbartonshire Council
Kenneth Brown	West Lothian Council

Apologies

Brian Strachan	Aberdeen City Council
Douglas Hill	Angus Council
Lisa Chiles	Dundee City Council
Elizabeth Maciver	Highland Council
Derek Crowe	Fife Council