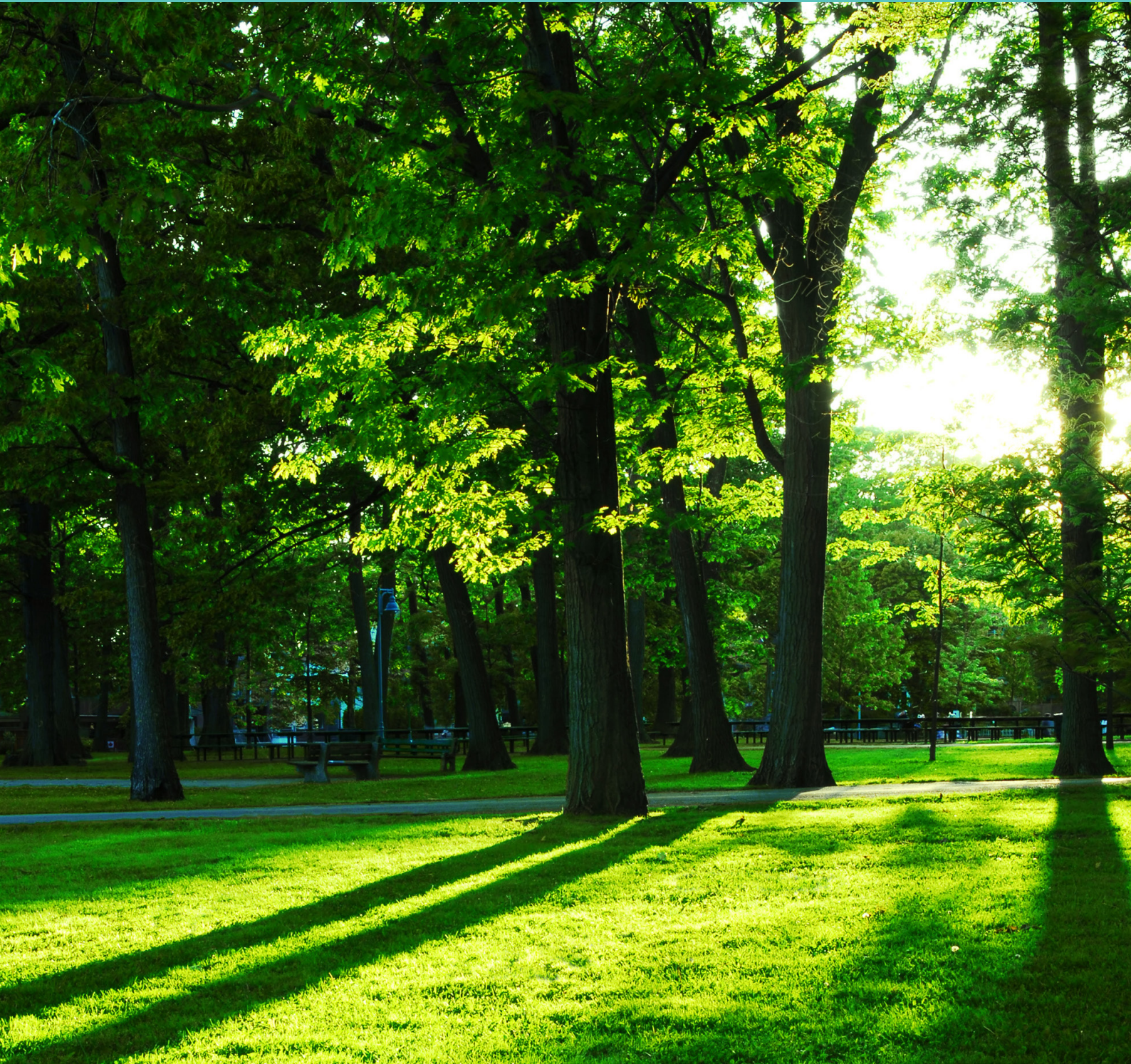


APSE Parks and Open Spaces Seminar 2017



Thursday 30 November 2017

The City Centre, 80 Basinghall Street, London, EC2V 5AR

Programme

09:30 Registration

10:00 **Session 1: Strategic Perspectives
(Panel Discussion)**

State of the Market 2017 - Local Authority Parks and Green Spaces and Allotment Services

- What delivery mechanisms are currently in place?
- A UK-wide picture of volunteer and community involvement
- Public perceptions and expectations

Speaker: Paul O'Brien, Chief Executive, APSE

Newcastle's parks and green spaces – the worst of times, and the best of times

- Trying to secure a positive future at a time of persistent austerity
- Working with politicians, partners and communities to deliver a new vision
- A new city wide delivery system for parks and green spaces

Speaker: Tony Durcan OBE, Assistant Director, & Narindar Bhabra, Parks Project Manager, Newcastle City Council

Nottingham's commercial ventures – working towards a self-funding delivery mechanism

- How have we developed a portfolio of commercial services?
- Balancing public service ethos with commercial drive
- Working alongside businesses and supporting the local economy

Speaker: Eddie Curry, Head of Parks, Open Spaces and Investment Funding, Nottingham City Council

11:15 Refreshments

11:45 **Session 2: Operational Perspectives**

Playground Inspection and Maintenance

- What guidance is available for inspections?
- Why do play areas matter?

Speaker: Keith Dalton, RRPI Technical Inspector, Register of Play Inspectors International

Dynamic Purchasing - A new approach to Resourcing?

- Why did we implement Dynamic Purchasing?
- How has it impacted our engagement with potential suppliers?
- Investment costs and estimated savings

Speaker: Chris Poore, Monitoring and Compliance Officer, London Borough of Haringey

Safety at Work – Drivers and Operatives

- Key legislation related to delivering arboriculture, horticulture and open space services
- Measures to limit risks of Hand-Arm Vibration syndrome
- Effectively managing Driver Safety

Speaker: Alan Plom, APSE Associate

13:00 Lunch

13:45 **Session 3: Park Therapy**

How can we evidence and enhance the Public Health benefits of Parks?

- How does greener urban space positively affect Mental Health?
- Why does physical activity in green space deliver greater health benefits?
- How can we enhance and promote the health benefits of green spaces in our local areas?

Speaker: Dr Matthew White, Senior Lecturer, University of Exeter

Effective volunteer management – Countryside Access

- Engaging the public in exploring Oxfordshire's countryside
- Working with 600 volunteers, to maintain and improve public access
- Marketing and Promoting National Trails, footpaths and bridleways

Speaker: James Blockley, Team Leader - Public Rights of Way and Tree's, Oxfordshire County Council

14:45 Refreshments

15:00 **Session 4: Urban Green Infrastructure**

Waste soil to Park land

- How did we utilise development spoil to create new urban parkland?
- Enhancing local wildlife and biodiversity
- Contribution to local Sustainable Drainage Infrastructure

Speaker: Chris Welsh, Parks Operations Manager, London Borough of Ealing

Centenary Park – The Most Improved Fields in Trust Protected Park in the UK

- Looking at why we created a new park
- How we delivered Centenary Park in the current financial climate
- The impact it has had on the local community

Speaker: Chris Worman MBE, Parks & Grounds Manager Rugby Borough Council

15:45 Seminar close

Seminar objectives

The seminar will explore a wide range of issues, including strategic delivery models, supplier management and safety measures as well as volunteer management, public health benefits of parks and opportunities to deliver new public parks and open spaces.

APSE Associate, Alan Plom will be outlining measures to limit risks of Hand-Arm Vibration syndrome and enhance driver safety. Keith Dalton, Technical Inspector at the Register of Play Inspectors International will be sharing an overview of industry standards in Playground Inspections and Maintenance. We'll also be joined by Dr Matthew White, Senior Lecturer at Exeter University, who will be presenting the outcomes of his research in to the impact of green infrastructure on human health and James Blockley, Team Leader at Oxfordshire County Council who will look at how they have engaged the public in exploring Oxfordshire's countryside, supported by 600+ volunteers.

We'll be exploring how we can generate funding to bring disused open space in to public use; Chris Worman MBE, Parks and Grounds Manager, Rugby Borough Council will be sharing a case study on the development of Centenary Park and Chris Welsh, Parks Operation Manager at the London Borough of Ealing will be sharing, how Northala Park, formed from development Waste Spoil, has increased the park asset base of the authority and underpinned the sustainable drainage infrastructure of the area.

Finally, we will be hearing how Newcastle City Council have embarked on a radical transformation programme, exploring a variety of delivery models for local parks and about Nottingham's City Council's work towards a self-funding delivery mechanism for Parks. Further, how Haringey Council have delivered savings through the design and install of a Dynamic Purchasing system for Parks services.

A unique day, brimming with ideas and examples of innovation in Parks delivery, we look forward to gathering again at the City of London Corporation's City Centre venue to meet with like-minded colleagues and learn from how local authorities UK-wide are facing the challenges of public parks management in 2017.

Who should attend:

- Chief executives
- Elected members
- Service directors
- Parks and grounds maintenance professionals
- Horticulture, landscape, green space professionals
- Best value officers
- Policy officers
- Trade union representatives
- Parks/landscape consultants
- Academic researchers
- Contractors and suppliers
- Voluntary organisations

The Venue

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