

APSE Scotland Parks, Grounds & Streets Group

24th June 2020

Microsoft Teams Meeting

Remobilisation Report – Parks & Open Spaces and Street Cleansing

- APSE has undertaken remobilisation reports for each of the frontline service
- These reports have been compiled with the input of local authorities services from across the UK
- Involving an initial scoping report followed by more in depth discussions covering 4 key areas:-
 - Budget, Finance & re-establishing commercial activity
 - Operational activity
 - Re-grouping the workforce
 - Technical issues

Remobilisation Report – Parks & Open Spaces

- During the pandemic parks and open spaces have played a major part in helping individuals meet their physical and mental health needs
- Government have requested these services remain open to avoid a full lockdown similar to other countries including Spain and Italy
- Some facilities within parks and open spaces have been required to close due to the guidance e.g. play areas, outdoor gyms and toilet facilities
- Some local authorities across the UK have required police assistance during this period to disperse gatherings

Budget, Finance & Re-establishing Commercial Activity

- Impact on chargeable services offered within parks e.g. cafes, car parking, events and other facilities.
- Those with franchises or renting facilities within parks struggling to pay fees.
- Future sustainability of sports clubs such as bowling and football.
- Capital and revenue spend is being closely scrutinised and many non-essential activities are being curtailed or stopped altogether such as spring bulb planting and bedding programmes
- Impact of the COVID-19 response on budgets and finances across the council, increasing costs from measures being brought in to deal with physical distancing and returning services back to "normal" (additional vehicles and staff)

Operational Activity

- Closure of parks facilities and reduced horticultural standards
 - Increasing cut heights of grass
 - Reductions in maintenance of fine turf
 - Closure of bowling greens and golf courses
 - Reduced provision of services in country parks
 - Changing work rotas and moving to single working practices
- Suspension or scaling back of street cleansing
- Biodiversity bonus

Regrouping the workforce

- Redeploying staff back from other services
- Physical distancing measures in place
- Reduced numbers travelling in vehicles
- Rota systems and staggered work times
- Handwashing facilities
- Enhanced risk assessments
- Friends of groups and volunteers not currently working within parks
- Issues with enforcing social distancing by controlling and dispersing gatherings

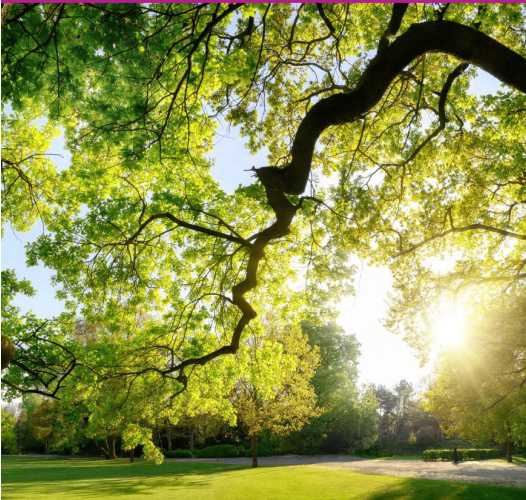
Technical Considerations

- Time lags in bringing standards of parks back
- Enhanced risk assessments
- Re-opening sports and other physical facilities
- Re-opening of toilet facilities
- Re-opening of play ground and play areas
- Public disposing of personal masks and face coverings and disposable gloves in public bins

Remobilisation reports



Parks and open spaces Remobilisation Report



APSE Waste, Refuse Collection and Street Cleansing Services remobilisation report



Reports for all services can be found [here](#)

NEW MUNICIPALISM

Delivering for local people and local economies

APSE Update

APSE Membership Resources

- Online Advisory Groups upcoming in all services and areas
- Briefings, network queries and principal advisor advice continues uninterrupted
- COVID-19 Hub, rapid network queries and remobilisation support

APSE Energy can support with:-

- Climate emergency- making progress, action planning;
- Solar - self supply, reduced costs, income generation;
- Energy audits- energy efficiency, energy asset management.

APSE Services

APSE Performance Networks:

Data templates for 2019-20 financial year available to download from the new web portal during May – members will receive an email

You can prioritise your data collection to be eligible for the core indicators and awards Performance Indicators

Streetscene – making it easier for people to collect data when they can't split it out into the separate functions

New on-line data completion training offer available – free of charge

New service! We are collecting data April-June on the impact of Covid-19 on frontline services to assist with budget setting – we will be holding on-line working group meetings during June to decide on 10 short questions for this and the report will be produced in September 2020!

APSE Services

APSE training: Offering bespoke on-line training support

Carbon literacy

Principles of Contract Management

Project Management In local Government

Health and Safety in Waste and Environmental Services

APSE Solutions:

Interim management support

Commercialisation reviews

Help with business plans and service reviews

Carbon Literacy for the Frontline

Taking Action on Climate Change

Certified training for the Carbon Literacy Award

Fiona Sutton-Wilson, Phil Brennan & Charlotte Banks

UPCOMING TRAINING DATES

30/06/2020 09:00 - 16:30

16/07/2020 09:00 - 16:30

04/08/2020 + 06/08/2020 09:00 - 12:00

£169+VAT (APSE members) £279+VAT (Non-members)

“An insightful course using blended learning conveying messages clearly and building confidence and a call to action in participants.”

Change Manager, Cornwall



Introduction to Parks Management

Mel Henley, APSE Associate

UPCOMING TRAINING DATES

14/07/2020	09:00 - 16:00
11/08/2020	09:00 - 16:00
08/09/2020	09:00 - 16:00

£169+VAT (APSE members) £279+VAT (Non-members)

Advanced Parks Management *Sustainable Finance*

Mel Henley, APSE Associate

UPCOMING MASTERCLASS DATES

21/07/2020 + 22/07/2020	09:00 - 12:30
25/08/2020 + 26/08/2020	13:00 - 16:00
15/09/2020 + 16/09/2020	13:00 - 16:00

£249+VAT (APSE members) £429+VAT (Non-members)



Working with Volunteers and the Voluntary Sector

Fiona Sutton-Wilson, Head of APSE Training

UPCOMING TRAINING DATES

02/07/2020	09:00 - 12:00
05/08/2020	13:00 - 16:00
08/09/2020	13:00 - 16:00

Volunteers can make a huge difference to the quality of life of local communities. This half day course will help local authorities to understand their obligations and responsibilities... to ensure community benefits and local authority outcomes are realised.

£99+VAT (APSE members) £149+VAT (Non-members)

Contact training@apse.org.uk or www.apse.org.uk



APSE Training Online

- ✂ Delivered via Microsoft Teams
- ✂ Full day, split day and half day courses
- ✂ Building the capacity of frontline services
- ✂ Expert trainers
- ✂ Productive partnerships
- ✂ Enabling and inclusive approach
- ✂ Highly interactive sessions

Contact Fiona or Steve
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In-house
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