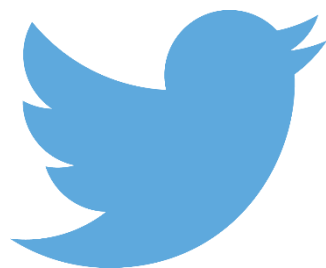


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Annual Report by Secretariat: Scotland Year in Review 2025/26

Overview

- Changes to the Scotland team
- Network meetings
- Scottish conferences
- Briefings
- Advocacy
- APSE Services

New member of the Team

- David Hinds – Research and Information Officer

Network meetings

- Each group continues to have 4 meetings over the course of the year (including service specific conferences)
- Well received presentations from a variety of speakers
- Mixture of presentations and discussion agenda items
- Attendance has been good across the board.
- Number of sub-groups also underway (Transport drug, Parks & Grounds Common Tasks and the Building officers process mapping)

Scottish conferences

- Service specific conferences
- Continuing look at ways we can enhance / develop conferences
- Obtaining feedback from both delegates and exhibitors

Feedback from delegates

How did you rate the seminar overall?

- Awesome couple of days with really interesting speakers on current and relevant topics.
- Really good attendance from suppliers.
- I was surprised at the breadth and scale of the amount of equipment, it was a very comprehensive representation of the sector.
- First class event and venue so easy to access.
- Amazing the variety of high value industry essentials on display.
- Absolutely vital to enable face to face interaction with service providers, particularly to those that are limited to visits due to location of Council.
- Venue was first class, the APSE staff were really helpful and I look forward to attending next year.
- Great balance of high quality presentations on a diverse/ current range of subjects combined with really good interactive discussions with high levels of participation across the attendees.
- Seamless – congrats to everyone who made the event happen.

Feedback from exhibitors

How did you rate the seminar overall?

- Enjoyed the evening, food was excellent. Venue and event itself very good.
- Well organised, excellent location and well attended.
- The company has attended this exhibition for over 20 years and is a very important date in our calendar.
- As usual I thought it was a very good show, it is one of my favourite shows of the year.
- The show had increased Local Authority footfall compared with previous years. The organisation was great.
- In 19 years of attending, this goes down as one of the best, if not the best.
- Great work atmosphere, well planned and well attended.
- Some good meeting / conversations were had over the two days and this has generated new interest in our company.
- As always as a business we get to meet and chat with all Local Authority delegates and enjoy the networking.

Awards

National Building and Housing Awards 2026

- 1st Year – Iain Tomb, East Ayrshire Council
- 2nd Year – Rebecca Mason, Stirling Council
- 3rd Year – Aidan Ingram, South Ayrshire Council
- 4th Year – Kaden Kelly, West Lothian Council
- Non-Trade – Greg Reekie, Fife Council



Awards

National Building and Housing Apprentice Awards 2026



Awards

Striving for Excellence Gold Awards 2026

- Fleet – Moray Council
- Grounds, Parks & Street Scene – Aberdeenshire Council
- Waste & Recycling – Highland Council



Briefings

- [25-07 APSE Response to A local authority General Power of Competence SG consultation](#)
- [25-16 Housing \(Scotland\) Bill: Scottish Government Consultation](#)
- [25-17 Draft Energy Efficiency \(Domestic Private Rented Property\) \(Scotland\) Regulations](#)
- [25-24 'Good Food Nation' Proposed National Plan – Scottish Parliament Call for Evidence](#)
- [25-25 Heat and Energy Efficiency Technical Suitability Assessment \(HEETSA\) – Scottish Government scoping consultation](#)
- [Draft Environment Strategy Scottish Government Consultation](#)

Briefings

- [25-28 Flooding and Groundwater Guidance \(Scottish Government consultation\)](#)
- [25-33 Permitted Development Rights SG consultation](#)
- [25-34 tRESP consultation](#)
- [25-41 Compulsory Purchase Reform SG Consultation](#)
- [25-45 Future of Council Tax in Scotland](#)
- [25-46 Circular Economy in Scotland Draft Strategy](#)
- [26-13 Scottish building regulations – fire safety and compliance: call for evidence](#)
- [26-14 Accelerating home building in Scotland SG consultation](#)
- [26-15 Draft Infrastructure Strategy SG consultation](#)
- [26-22 Installation and maintenance licences for heat network](#)

Advocacy

- APSE representative on the Executive Committee of Scottish Waste Industry Training, Competency and Health & Safety forum (SWITCH)
- APSE provides the secretariat for the Scotland Litter Managers Network
- APSE representatives on the IS/ SOLACE fleet procurement sub-group
- APSE is the secretariat to the All Party Parliamentary Group for School Food
- APSE representatives on the Scottish Government school nutrition roundtables
- Continued representation at Party Political Conferences
- Continuing to strengthen relationships with other organisations – recently attended the Scottish Food Commission launch in Edinburgh, Scotland Living Wage Award Sponsor and once again attending the annual COSLA and Excellence Awards in November, meetings with the HSE, Transport Scotland and Scottish Government on a variety of issues

APSE Solutions

APSE Solutions offers expertise in:

- Income generation
- Demand management
- Interim management

Interim managers available across: catering, commercial development, energy, environmental services, facilities management, finance, highways, housing, human resources, leisure and tourism, performance management, procurement, street cleansing, transport and others.

APSE Training

- Courses include topics such as carbon literacy, effective social media, project management in local government, principles of contract management, working with volunteers and many more
- Many courses are CPD certified
- Online psychometric testing offered
- The full list of courses offered can be found on the [APSE website](https://www.apse.org.uk)

Performance Networks

- 4 inspection apps offered - Land Audit Management System (LAMS), Play Inspection Management System (PIMS), Memorial Inspection Safety Tool (MIST), Cleaning Audit Management System (CLAMS)
- New APSE performance networks database and web portal
- Power BI reports now available
- The year 28 timetable can be found on the [APSE website](#)
- Training available on data completion, data analysis, LAMS and CLAMS – service specific online support sessions are also available

APSE Energy

- 121 member authorities (18 in Scotland)
- Two-day APSE Energy Scotland Summit is planned for October 2026
- Recent publications include:
 - Energy Across the Authority, Sixth Edition
 - Biodiversity Net Gain: An option for income generation
- Air quality: Context and case studies

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