

## **APSE Soft FM Group**

**15<sup>th</sup> May 2013**

### **Eastwood Park, Giffnock**

#### **1. Chair**

Robin Gourlay secretary of the group welcomed all to the meeting and thanked East Renfrewshire for hosting and arranging the sunshine.

#### **2. Attendees and Apologies**

As per attached.

#### **3. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting noted as a correct record.

#### **4. Matters Arising**

No matters arising.

#### **5. East Renfrewshire Council: Winner of APSE Performance Networks Education Catering Best Performer Award**

Nicky Joiner, Area Catering Co-ordinator, East Renfrewshire Council provided a comprehensive and informative presentation on their Best Performer Catering award in APSE Performance Networks.

The presentation included information on what East Renfrewshire were doing with Free School Meals and School Meals uptake.

Nicky highlighted that there was a 35% increase in business if the Council put on a buffet day, which was also a great way for the kids to get involved in the lunch choices. The buffet days were a hit with both catering staff and school children.

Nicky also spoke about the Councils Primary One lunch service. This was a restaurant style – soup on the table, staff serve main meals, desserts on table. This took away the risk of young children having accidents as they didn't have to balance trays, purses and personal items.

The presentation also included information on how the Council dealt with absence management and staff reductions concluding with some of the future investments/ initiatives they would be looking to work towards within the service.

#### **6. Still Hungry for Success**

Robin Gourlay, Scottish Government provided a detailed presentation on the Still Hungry for Success working group. This included highlighting some of the areas the group would be looking into which included:-

- Valuing food
- Providing food (good)
- Experiencing food
- Contributing to culture change

- Self assessment and evidencing

It was highlighted that the group wanted the work to Re-invigorate, refresh, re-energise and re-engage.

## **7. APSE Update**

Louise McMillan updated the group on all work being carried out by APSE Scotland. Including the recent briefings, work with Cosla and the presence at the Party Conferences.

## **8. Issues Affecting Service Delivery**

A general discussion followed including topics:-

- Monteith Group (Nick Nairn)
- International School Meals day (Lindsay Graham). Next one is to be 6<sup>th</sup> March
- Rachel Barrie paper provided reassurances to the Local Authorities on Welfare Reform
- ASSIST website.....working progress. Very interactive website for parents/kids/schools etc
- Renfrewshire Council – update on what they're doing in secondary schools Revamping & re-designing dining area (coffee shops/bar themes)
- Dumfries & Galloway Council doing something similar

## **9. Items for Next Meeting of Advisory Group**

Possible presentation from Renfrewshire Council on coffee shop/ bar themes within Schools.

## **10. Date/Time of Next Meeting**

To be confirmed following Scottish AGM on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2013.

### **Attendee List**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Council</b>	<b>SFM</b>
Louise McMillan	APSE	1
Andy Campbell	Aberdeen City	1
John Ladragon	Aberdeen City	1
June Blair	Aberdeen City	1
Lindsay Graham	APSE Associate	1
John Bedwell	APSE Associate	1

Jayne Murphy	Argyll & Bute Council	1
Alan Mawson	Dumfries and Galloway Council	1
Carol Broll	Dumfries and Galloway Council	1
Robin Gourlay	East Ayrshire Council	1
Andrew Kennedy	East Ayrshire Council	1
Elizabeth Donnelly	East Dunbartonshire Council	1
Jill Sinclair	East Dunbartonshire Council	1
Lorraine Lawrie	East Renfrewshire Council	1
Diane Leask	East Renfrewshire Council	1
John Feeney	East Renfrewshire Council	1
Andrew Skirving	Edinburgh City Council	1
Keith Breasley	Fife Council	1
Shona Grant	Fife Council	1
Darren Rye	Glasgow City Council	1
Elsbeth Tierney	Inverclyde Council	1
Kate Hay	Midlothian Council	1
Margaret Rae	Midlothian Council	1
Margaret Reid	North Lanarkshire Council	1
Margaret Murphy	North Lanarkshire Council	1
Graham Patrick	North Lanarkshire Council	1
Kay Johnston	Renfrewshire Council	1
Hilary Iannotti	South Ayrshire Council	1
Anne Goldie	South Lanarkshire Council	1
Gerry Donachie	South Lanarkshire Council	1
Ann Smith	Stirling Council	1
Tracey Walker	Stirling Council	1
Bill Kennedy	Tayside Contracts	1
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***Total*** 33

### **Apologies**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Council</b>
Sue Nield	Highland Council
Judith Borg	Falkirk Council
Julia McCreadie	Glasgow City Council
Cllr Iain Linton	East Ayrshire Council