

National roads, highways and street lighting seminar 2010

The road to improvement in challenging times - learning from case studies

Including the Great Salt Debate 2010
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A major two-day seminar at the Newcastle Marriott, Gosforth Park, High Gosforth Park Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 5HN

Thursday 11 and Friday 12 March 2010



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Programme: day 1

Thursday 11 March 2010

10.00am **Delegate registration and exhibition viewing**

10:30am **Opening and welcome**
Cllr David White, Transportation Portfolio, Stockport MBC, Chair of APSE Roads, Highways and Street Lighting Advisory Group

10:35am **Session 1: Strategy, partnerships and procurement**

Strategic direction in testing times

- ♦ View from the centre
- ♦ The balance of maintenance and management
- ♦ Value for money
- ♦ Going forward

Speaker: Paul Foskett, Head of Local Roads Highway Maintenance Policy, Department for Transport

Case study 1 - Joint Purchasing to protect frontline services

- ♦ Jointly procuring highways services and commodities
- ♦ Using a framework to deliver capital schemes
- ♦ Benefits for councils and service users

Speaker: Peter Barclay, Alliance Manager of Midlands Highways Alliance

11:30am **Tea/coffee break and exhibition viewing**

12:00 **Session 1: Strategy, partnerships and procurement (continued)**

Case study 2 - Enhancements to a street lighting service

- ♦ Changing shift patterns and working arrangements
- ♦ Quality assurance
- ♦ Procurement matters

Speaker: Ryan McGlynn, Street Lighting Technician, Argyll and Bute Council

Case study 3 - High value, low cost award winning services

- ♦ Asset managed approach to funding
- ♦ Linking procurement to the local economy
- ♦ Continuous improvement and growth

Speaker: Owen Jenkins, Highways Maintenance Manager, South Gloucestershire Council

1:00pm **Buffet lunch and exhibition viewing**

1:50pm **Session 2: Workshops**

Workshop A: Gully Management Systems

- ♦ Issues from code of practice
- ♦ What is a risk based approach to gully management?
- ♦ Formalising an approach

Facilitator: Terry Garnick, Neighbourhood Services Manager, Northumberland Council

Workshop B: Maintaining a vital asset - bridges and structures

- ♦ Key role
- ♦ Funding levels
- ♦ Risk management and support networks

Facilitator: Greg Perks, Chairman, UK Bridges Board

Workshop C: Managing contractor performance

- ♦ What data is needed?
- ♦ How will we use it
- ♦ Managing the relationship

Facilitator: Keith Cadman, Partnerships and Contracts Manager, Liverpool City Council

2:30pm **Session 3: On the roads**

Case study 4 - Road safety education, training and publicity

- ♦ Who? What? Where? Why and When?

Speaker: Joy Smith, Road Safety Manager, Neath Port Talbot CBC and Chair of Road Safety Wales

Are you using the right surfacing product?

- ♦ Which products to use and when
- ♦ Benefits of alternative products
- ♦ ALARM survey headlines

Speaker: Colin Loveday, Director, Asphalt Industry Alliance

3:20pm **Tea/coffee break and exhibition viewing**

3:45pm **Session 4: Winter Maintenance - issues and examples**

Delivering winter maintenance services in Scotland

- ♦ The impact of recent weather conditions on service delivery
- ♦ New approaches, products and initiatives
- ♦ Making efficiencies

Speaker: Anne Armstrong, Transport Resilience Manager, Transport Scotland

Forecasters, suppliers and councillors - their influence on delivering winter maintenance

- Establishing a forecasting contract
- Managing salt supplies
- Pressures on winter maintenance budgets

Speaker: Russell Martin, Highway Maintenance Manager, Leeds City Council

'The Great Salt Debate'

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A chance to share experiences, views and opinions on the outcomes of the UK Roads Liaison Group Report 'Lessons from the Severe Weather February 2009' and the severe weather of January 2010

Speakers: Bob Ray, Sales and Distribution Manager, Cleveland Potash Ltd

Andy Bailey, Senior Technical Advisor for Highway Maintenance, Department for Transport

Matthew Lugg, Director of Environment and Transport, Leicestershire County Council

5:00pm **Seminar close**

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Friday 12 March 2010

9.15am **Session 5: Improving services**

Case study 5 - New approaches to a highways maintenance service – experience from Stoke

- ♦ Applying systems thinking
- ♦ Monitoring change
- ♦ Progress with improvement

Speaker: Malcolm Dawson, Highways Asset Manager, Stoke on Trent City Council

Case study 6 – Knowing your network

- ♦ Assets collection / survey
- ♦ Visualising the asset / IT
- ♦ Making the most of your network / quick wins

Speaker: Steve Mead, Highways Asset Manager, Derbyshire County Council

10:15am **Tea/coffee break and exhibition viewing**

10.45am **Session 6: Assets and risks**

Managing legal risks in road maintenance: findings from an Irish-Scottish comparative study

- ♦ Trends in liability claims
- ♦ Trends in the management of legal risk
- ♦ Case study examples

Speaker: Professor Simon Halliday, The Law School, University of Strathclyde

Developments in sector schemes

- ♦ National Highway Sector Scheme 8
- ♦ What's new?
- ♦ Benefits for councils and employees

Speaker: Gareth Pritchard, Secretary of Sector Scheme 8 and Chair of ASLEC

Embedding health and safety

- ♦ An alternative approach
- ♦ Taking health and safety seriously
- ♦ Benefits for all

Speaker: Eddie Woods, Mindsafety

12.30 **Buffet lunch in exhibition area**

1.00pm **Seminar Closes**

Seminar objectives

The need to provide quality services and to make efficiency savings whilst working within tight budgetary constraints remains the context within which highways, street lighting and winter maintenance services are delivered. Learning between councils is a priority for APSE and this seminar has been arranged to maximise this practice.

APSE has brought together informed and experienced speakers to highlight issues and provide an overview of developments in the service areas. The seminar also includes a series of case studies which will consider service delivery over a range of topics to expose delegates to a variety of delivery options and approaches.

A range of experienced practitioners will share their knowledge on a number of topics including:

- ♦ The strategic context
- ♦ Procurement and partnership working
- ♦ Winter maintenance
- ♦ Case studies on - systems thinking, continuous improvement, asset management, road safety, liability claims
- ♦ Asset management

Plenary and workshop sessions will enable delegates to listen to speakers and participate in discussion. **The Great Salt Debate** will provide a chance for all delegates to comment and discuss the UK Roads Liason Group lessons from the severe weather of February 2009 and more recent poor weather.

Who should attend?

- ♦ Elected members
- ♦ Service directors
- ♦ Roads, highways and street lighting officers
- ♦ Business managers
- ♦ Heads of service
- ♦ Procurement officers
- ♦ Trade union representatives
- ♦ Strategic policy consultants
- ♦ Academic researchers
- ♦ Contractors and suppliers

Reserve your place now by completing the booking form overleaf and faxing it back to Keisha Swaby, Administrative Assistant at APSE on 0161 772 1811.

The Venue

Newcastle Marriott, Gosforth Park

High Gosforth Park Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 5HN
Tel: 0191 236 4111

Complimentary on-site parking is available. Check-in: 2:00pm
Check-out: 12:00pm

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Please detail here any special dietary/access requirements for the delegates listed below:

APSE issues a written confirmation for all delegate bookings received. If you have not received your confirmation letter within 10 working days of sending your booking form, then please contact APSE on 0161 772 1810.

Payment information

What's included: The delegate fee covers attendance on both days, delegates' documentation, lunches and light refreshments, and dinner on the evening of Thursday 11 March. Accommodation is not included - please see below.

APSE members delegate fee:- £249 + VAT

Non-members delegate fee:- £385 + VAT

Please indicate preferred method of payment (tick):-

VAT registration number 519 286 915

- Please find enclosed cheque (made payable to APSE)
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Accommodation rates (*please indicate requirements below)

Thursday 11 March 2010 (1 night B&B) = Single £60

Accommodation is also available on Wednesday 10 March at £90 B&B for a single room.

All accommodation costs and personal charges incurred at the hotel are payable upon departure.

Please note that all hotel bookings at this event must be reserved via APSE as the hotel will not accept any direct bookings at the above special rate.

Check-in: 2:00pm - Check-out: 12:00pm

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Delegate name	Delegate position	Workshop choice (A,B,C)	*Accommodation required (please delete as necessary)	
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