


# A Councillor's Guide to Parks and Grounds Maintenance

Tuesday 30 June, 11.00-12.00

Starts: 11.00

A Councillor's Guide to:  
**Understanding Parks  
and Grounds  
Maintenance Services**

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government?  
Need to resolve  
an issue?**



## Agenda for today 11.00 – 12.00

- **APSE Update** - **Matt Ellis**, APSE Principal Advisor;
- **Darrin Mellor**, APSE Associate.
- **Q&A**

*Slides will be available post event*



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## APSE Update

### Network Queries Service

APSE members can circulate a query across our extensive UK-wide database of local authority contacts. Recent examples include:

- Mink Control in Council Parks and Open Spaces
- Allotment Management Systems
- Timber from Ash Dieback Removal
- Chemical Free Weed Control
- Operating Call Out Crews During Stormy Weather





# APSE Update

## Summer Series:

Free for members to join!

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A Councillor's Guide to:  
**Bereavement Services**

Thursday 2 July - 14:00 - 15:00

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A Councillor's Guide to:  
**Keeping Tenants Safe**

Tuesday 14 July - 10:00 - 11:00

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A Councillor's Guide to:  
**Tackling Waste Crime**

Wednesday 15 July - 14:00 - 15:00

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A Councillor's Guide to:  
**Frontline Environmental Apprenticeships**

Thursday 16 July - 11:00 - 12:30

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A Councillor's Guide to:  
**Local Authority Catering**

Tuesday 21 July - 10:30 - 11:30

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A Councillor's Guide to:  
**the Policy and Operational Landscape of Local Authority Recycling and Waste Services**

Wednesday 22 July - 14:00 - 15:00

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## Allotment State of the Market Survey

**Cost - Plot sizes - Concessions - Budgets - Monitoring - Amenities**

The aim of this short survey is to paint an accurate picture of the challenges facing local authority allotment services. As your local council is a member of APSE, we would greatly value your input, insight and experiences.

*Estimated time to complete: 10 minutes*

**>>> [Take our survey now!](#) <<<**

*As seen on TV and in national headlines:*



The pressure on plots  
[\[watch here\]](#)



Allotment wait reaches all-time high  
[\[read here\]](#)

**Mail**Online

Why growing demand is shrinking allotments  
[\[read here\]](#)



Could an allotment cut the cost of your weekly food shop?  
[\[read here\]](#)



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Tuesday 09 June 2026, 09:00 – 16:00

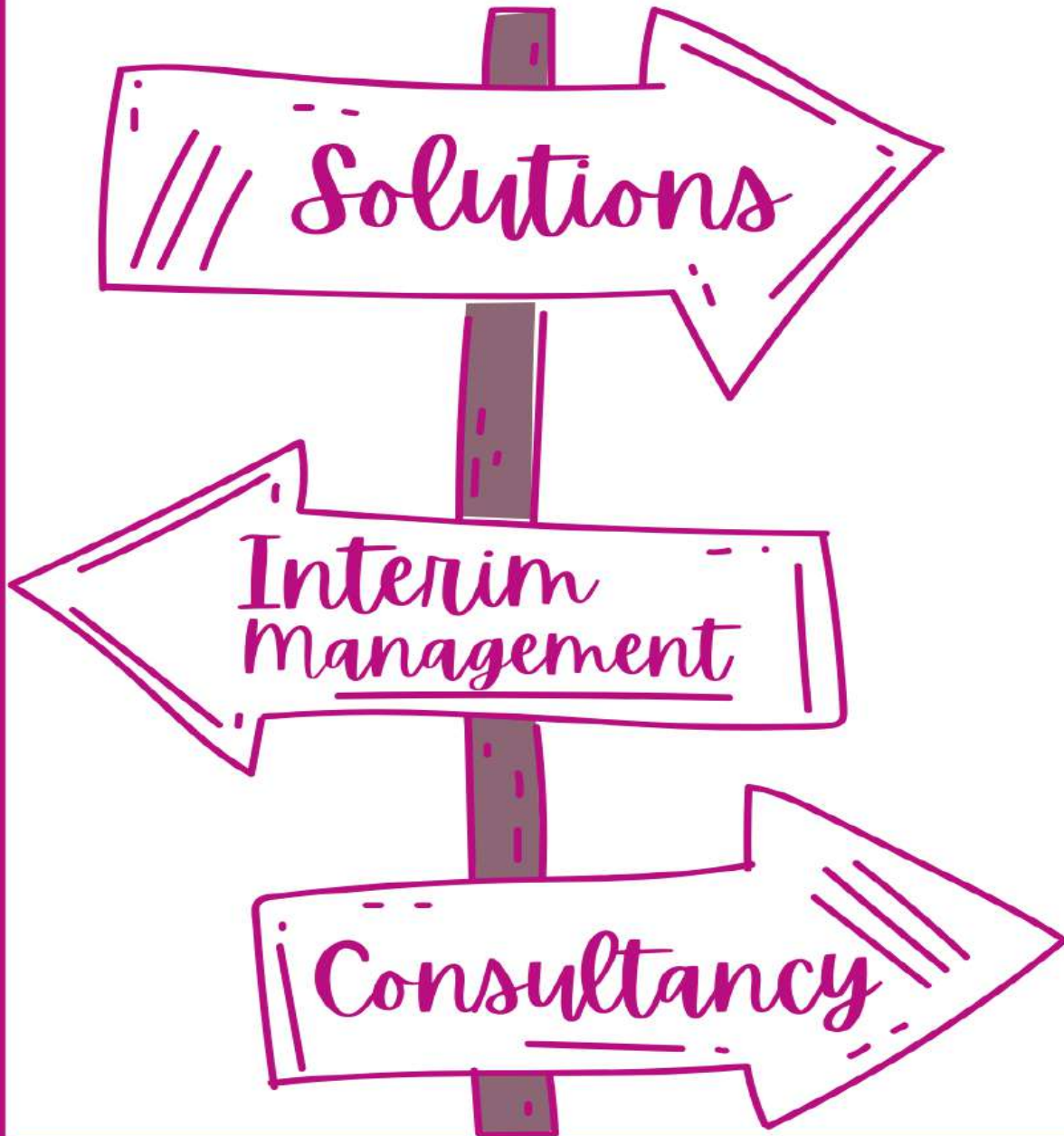
Go into depth on financial management and commercialisation with [Advanced Parks Management: Sustainable Finance](#) Tuesday 16 and Wednesday 17 June, 09:00 – 12:00

Put BNG into practical action with [Biodiversity Net Gain for Parks and Green Spaces](#)  
Thursday 11 June, 09:00 – 16:00

Protect native wildlife with [Plant Biosecurity for Local Authorities](#)  
Tuesday 23 June, 10:00 – 16:00



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The poster features a background image of a large, leafy tree in a park setting with a wooden bench in the foreground. In the top left corner, there is a pink oval with the 'apse' logo and the text 'Summer Series'. In the top right corner, there is a blue icon of two people with a white 'T' on a speech bubble. The main title is 'A Councillor's Guide to: Understanding Parks and Grounds Maintenance Services' in white text. Below the title, the date and time are listed: 'Tuesday 30 June, 11:00 - 12:00'.

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