

Minutes of the APSE Northern Ireland Annual General Meeting 2025

Tuesday 10 June 2025, 12.55 – 13.15, Galgorm Hotel, Ballymena

1. A welcome to the meeting was provided by Cllr Terry Andrews of Newry, Mourne and Down Council. Cllr Andrews thanked the meeting for their attendance. Cllr Andrews then handed the first item of business to Mo Baines, APSE Chief Executive.
2. The first item of business being the nomination of the APSE Northern Ireland Chair for 2025-2027, a biennial election in line with APSE Northern Ireland Constitution, received a nomination from Cllr Martin Reilly of Derry City and Strabane District Council, which was duly seconded by Cllr Terry Andrews of Newry Mourne and Down Council, for Ald. Alan McDowell of Ards and North Down Council. On being put to the meeting and there being no further nominations **Ald. Alan McDowell was duly ELECTED as APSE Northern Ireland Chair.**
3. The second item of business being the nomination of the APSE Northern Ireland Vice Chair for 2025-2027, received a nomination from Ald. Alan McDowell of Ards and North Down Council, which was duly seconded by Cllr Martin Reilly of Derry City and Strabane District Council, for Cllr Terry Andrews of Newry Mourne and Down Council. On being put to the meeting and there being no further nominations, **Cllr Terry Andrews was duly ELECTED as APSE Northern Ireland Vice Chair.**
4. Mo Baines noted the apology of Ellen Cavanagh of Derry City and Strabane District Council for her absence.
5. Minutes of APSE Northern Ireland AGM 2024 were **AGREED** as a correct record.
6. There were no matter arising.
7. The following nominations for APSE positions were agreed by the AGM:-
 - I. APSE Northern Ireland Secretary for 2025/2027 – Ellen Cavanagh of Derry City and Strabane Council **ELECTED**
 - II. APSE Northern Ireland Additional National Council Representative 2025/2027 – Cllr Martin Reilly, Derry City and Strabane **ELECTED**
 - III. APSE Northern Ireland first substitute National Council Representative 2025/2027 - Cllr Stephen McCann- Fermanagh and Omagh - **ELECTED**
 - IV. APSE Northern Ireland second substitute representative 2025/2027 – Cllr Alison Bennington, Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council - **ELECTED**

8. It was noted that whilst the APSE network and strategic forums are the property of the APSE Annual General Meeting Northern Ireland currently holds two positions and the meeting was asked to confirm its support to nominate representatives to two groups to go forward to the APSE Annual General Meeting 2025. The meeting **AGREED** the following nominations:-
 - V. Network Chair: (Currently Refuse, Waste, and Street Scene Services) **Cllr Martin Reilly, Derry City and Strabane District Council**
 - VI. Strategic Forum Chair: (Currently Property, asset management and regeneration), **Cllr Terry Andrews, Newry Mourne and Down Council**
9. Mo Baines presented a Finance Report to the meeting confirming that the ongoing support from the APSE membership retention fund which has allowed the continuation of support to APSE Northern Ireland, in providing a programme of free events to APSE member councils. There were no questions raised to the Finance Report and on being put to the meeting the report was AGREED.
10. Whilst a full Annual Report of the Association will be presented to the APSE AGM in September, which this year will be held in Glasgow, Mo Baines, presented a brief update on APSE's research programme and the creation of APSE Synergy. All member councils were encouraged to attend the APSE AGM in Glasgow in September, to showcase the innovation within local government.
11. Matt Ellis, APSE Principal Advisor for Northern Ireland, provided a summary update on the work of APSE Northern Ireland, noting the membership had valued contributions to both in-person and online events including artificial intelligence, nature recovery, performance management and ongoing work with the APSE research programme.
12. There being no proposed changes to NI Constitution or motions received, and no further competent business to deal with the meeting closed with a thank you to delegates provided by Ald. Alan McDowell of Ards and North Down Council.

The meeting closed at 13.15