

APSE Scotland Parks, Grounds & Streets Network Meeting – Wednesday 23 September 2026 10.30 AM to 12.00PM

Welcome: Cllr Norman Hampshire, East Lothian Council

Speakers and discussion items

Open Space Strategy 2026: East Lothian's strategic vision including health and wellbeing as well as climate

Speaker: Jennifer Lothian, Strategy, Policy & Development Manager, East Lothian Council

This will provide the opportunity for colleagues to hear about the Council's open space strategy and their future plans.

Aberdeenshire's landscapes digitalisation programme

Speakers: Sandy Scott, Landscapes Services Manager and Irene Biedma, Landscape Services Technical Officer, Aberdeenshire Council

This will provide an opportunity for colleagues to hear about the council's digitalisation programme for landscape services and the positive impact this project has made.

Parks, Grounds and Streets clinic: Any issue affecting service delivery including:

- **What do local authorities do with their timber from ash dieback removal/ management – chip it, leave it on site or is it used locally?**
- **Wildfire risk management in reduced mowing and grassland sites**
- **Nuisance complaints related to the historic planting of trees in housing areas**

Speaker: Group Discussion

This is the opportunity for attendees to discuss any challenges and solutions that councils are experiencing and adopting in relation to a particular issue.

APSE Update

Speaker: Louise Melville, Principal Advisor, APSE

The meeting will end at 12.00 PM