

APSE Scotland Parks, Grounds & Streets Network Meeting – Wednesday 26 November 2025 10.30 AM to 12.00PM

Welcome: Cllr Norman Hampshire, East Lothian Council

Speakers and discussion items

Highland's amenities GIS mapping project

Speaker: David Holmes, Mapping Officer, Highland council

This will provide the opportunity for colleagues to hear about how data mapping has helped the local authority in relation to biodiversity, playpark maintenance and public conveniences.

Renfrewshire's playparks renewal project

Speaker: Graham Ternent, Neighbourhood Services Business & Assets Team Leader

This will provide an opportunity for colleagues to hear about the council's multi-faceted funding approach as well as Scotland's first interactive playpark and neurodivergent communication boards.

Our Kinnel Kerse Landfill restoration

Speaker: John Kirkhope, Waste Services Co-ordinator, Falkirk Council

This will provide an opportunity for colleagues to hear about this biodiversity project on a landfill site highlighting the many positive outcomes for the environment.

Feedback from first meeting of the APSE Scotland allotments sub-group

Speaker: Louise Melville, Principal Advisor, APSE Scotland

This will provide the opportunity for colleagues to hear a brief overview of the main areas of discussion at the first meeting of the sub-group.

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

- Allotments licences
- Allotment audit processes
- Returning to Glyphosate
- Weed ripper feedback
- Grass cutting and maintenance of roundabouts

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