

APSE Scotland Soft FM Advisory Group Meeting – Tuesday 2 December 2025**(10.30am – 12noon)****Venue: MS TEAMS****Welcome from Chair: Cllr Jim McMahon, East Ayrshire Council****1. The role of facilities in counter-terrorism preparedness****Speaker:** Group discussion

This will provide colleagues the opportunity to discuss and debate the role of facilities in protecting and preparing which can fall into different areas including risk assessment and prevention, implementing physical security measures, utilising technology and liaising with other key organisations such as the police.

2. Year 1 and Year 2 secondary school FSM trial phase - update**Speaker:** Group discussion

This will provide colleagues the opportunity to discuss and debate for representatives from the trial phase authorities for secondary schools to provide follow up feedback following the school return on the 14th August and our previously network meeting on 2 September.

3. Robotic and AI in services of the future**Speaker:** Group discussion

This will provide colleagues the opportunity to discuss and debate how facilities management teams are trialling and incorporating new technologies within catering, cleaning and janitorial services.

4. What methods are being undertaken to help combat with rising food costs and sustainability e.g. increased seasonal produce, introducing more meat free days?**Speaker:** Group discussion

This will provide colleagues the opportunity to discuss and debate what measures colleagues are putting into place to help combat these challenges.

5. How are local authorities engaging with local producers?**Speaker:** Group discussion

This will provide colleagues the opportunity to discuss and share experiences of how they are engaging with local producers.

6. Cleaning over winter months**Speaker:** Group discussion

This is the opportunity for attendees to discuss any challenges and solutions that councils are experiencing with cleaning over the winter months.

7. APSE Update**Speaker:** Louise Melville, Principal Advisor, APSE