

APSE National Education Catering Network

Tuesday 21 April 2026 – 10.30am – 12.00pm

The next meeting is to be held both Online via Teams and at APSE Offices, Trafford House, Chester Road, Manchester, M32 0RS.

Attendance at this meeting is open to elected members and officers from APSE member authorities and is **free** of charge.

The Hungry Minds Project; Practical school food monitoring; Sustainable Food Places; Going plant based

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Agenda

1. Welcome by the Chair

Councillor Norma Stephenson, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council

2. The Hungry Minds Project

- Council ambitions to improve health, equity, sustainability and access
- Pilot of Universal Free School Meals in selected primary schools
- Early evaluation findings

Councillor Bob Webb, Executive Member of Children, Young People and Education, City of York Council.

3. Practical school food monitoring

- Improving transparency in meeting School Food Standards
- Development of a practical monitoring approach
- Overview of a reporting tool for primary schools

**Ayanna Deane, Doctoral Researcher, Nutrition and Public Health,
University of Westminster**

4. Sustainable Food Places

- Addressing health, inequality and climate challenges through food
- Partnership-led local action
- Taking a whole-system approach to food

**Chloe Smee, Programme Lead – Sustainable Food Places, Soil
Association.**

5. Going plant Based

- Overview of ProVeg's work over the past year
- Resources to support local authorities
- Project impact

Alexandra Jemison, Engagement Manager, ProVeg

APSE Update

Vickie Hacking, Principal Advisor, APSE

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Kind Regards
Vickie Hacking

On behalf of Cllr Norma Stephenson, Chair of the APSE Education Catering
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