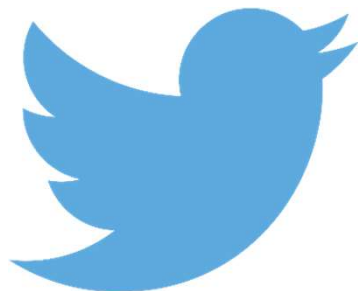




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Annual Report by Secretariat: Scotland Year in Review 2024/25

Overview

- New Scotland team
- Network meetings
- Scottish conferences
- Briefings
- Advocacy
- APSE Services

New members of the Team

- Sophie Boyle – Research and Information Officer
- Owen Baker – Business Support Apprentice



Network meetings

- Each group continues to have 4 meetings over the course of the year (including service specific conferences)
- Well received presentations from a variety of speakers
- Mixture of presentations and discussion agenda items
- Attendance has been good across the board.
- Number of sub-groups also underway (Transport drug and alcohol group, Transport procurement group, Building officers process mapping)

Scottish conferences

- Service specific conferences
- Continuing look at ways we can enhance / develop conferences
- Obtaining feedback from both delegates and exhibitors



Feedback from delegates

How did you rate the seminar overall?

- Excellent 2 days sharing with member authorities sharing knowledge and best practice and celebrating the achievements of our apprentices.
- Good venue, well attended and excellent facilities.
- Very well organised – great location – food was excellent.
- A wealth of good information from various sources.
- Very informative and interesting – good to meet and chat with both suppliers and counterparts in other local authorities.
- Great couple of days and the seminars were very informative.
- Great to see so many suppliers the most I've seen in all the years attending.
- This was the first seminar I've attended and I really enjoyed it, everyone was so welcoming and the seminars were relevant and engaging.
- High quality of sessions.
- Good mix of exhibition and sessions – good attendance – enables useful discussions.

Feedback from exhibitors

How did you rate the seminar overall?

- Excellent one of the best I've been to in the last 16 years.
- Excellent, I felt there was better attendance this year than last year.
- Event brought all councils together and it was well planned out.
- The exhibition is well put together.
- Keep this event as is – it works very well.
- Good blend of exhibitors inside and outside along with the seminars.
- It was a really good atmosphere with a good range of exhibitors.
- Informative, great venue and great hosts.
- Facilities excellent, well organised.
- Everything is all in one place and facilities are great – no need to go off site during the exhibition.
- The event was very well organised, and all the staff were on hand and happy to help.

Awards

National Building and Housing Awards 2025

- 1st Year – Callum Dawson, Fife Council
- 2nd Year – Gillian Furey, East Ayrshire Council
- 3rd Year – Lauren Hooks, South Lanarkshire Council
- 4th Year – Isaac Fabb, Swansea Council
- Non-Trade – Brooke Chomyn, Unitas



Awards

National Building and Housing Apprentice Awards 2025



Awards

Striving for Excellence Gold Awards 2025

- Fleet – East Lothian Council
- Grounds, Parks & Street Scene – Highland Council
- Waste & Recycling – Renfrewshire Council





Briefings

- [25-07 APSE Response to A local authority General Power of Competence SG consultation](#)
- [24-53 Scottish Housing Regulator Annual Return on the Scottish Housing Charter consultation - APSE response](#)
- [24-51 Annual Return on the Scottish Social Housing Charter \(Scottish Housing Regulator Consultation\)](#)
- [24-47 Charging for single-use disposable beverage cups consultation \(Scottish Government\)](#)
- [24-46 Building Regulations: Determining the principles for a Scottish equivalent to the Passivhaus standard: Stage 1 consultation \(Scottish Government\)](#)



Briefings

- [24-29 Scottish Road Worker Consultation \(Transport Scotland\)](#)
- [24-27 Flood Resilience Strategy Scottish Government Consultation](#)
- [24-21 National Good Food Plan: Scottish Government consultation – APSE Response](#)
- [24-20 Draft Bioenergy Policy Statement – Scottish Government consultation](#)
- [24-12 Restricting promotions of food and drink high in fat, sugar or salt - proposed regulations consultation](#)
- [24-11 National Good Food Nation Plan consultation](#)
- [24-10 Scotland's draft Circular Economy and Waste Route Map to 2030 consultation - APSE Response](#)
- [24-09 Draft Circular Economy and Waste Route Map](#)
- [24-04 Proposals for a Heat in Buildings Bill](#)



Advocacy

- MSPs participating in APSE fringe events at party conferences
- APSE responses to SG and SP consultations
- Evidence given to Scottish Parliament's Local Government, Housing & Planning Committee (including workforce matters)
- Member of the SWITCH forum, Monitoring Adoption working group and SG Nursery Milk and Healthy Snack working group
- Member of the SOLACE/ IS Transformation Programme – fleet subgroup
- Secretariat for the Scottish Litter Managers Network
- Attendance at the COSLA Conference
- Sponsor of Living Wage events/ awards

APSE Solutions

APSE Solutions offers expertise in:

- Income generation
- Demand management
- Interim management

Interim managers available across: catering, commercial development, energy, environmental services, facilities management, finance, highways, housing, human resources, leisure and tourism, performance management, procurement, street cleansing, transport and others.

APSE Training

- Courses include topics such as carbon literacy, effective social media, project management in local government, principles of contract management, working with volunteers and many more
- Many courses are CPD certified
- Online psychometric testing offered
- The full list of courses offered can be found on the [APSE website](https://www.apse.org.uk)

Performance Networks

- 4 inspection apps offered - Land Audit Management System (LAMS), Play Inspection Management System (PIMS), Memorial Inspection Safety Tool (MIST), Cleaning Audit Management System (CLAMS)
- New APSE performance networks database and web portal
- Power BI reports now available for building cleaning
- The year 27 timetable can be found on the [APSE website](https://www.apse.org.uk)
- Training available on data completion, data analysis, LAMS and CLAMS – service specific online support sessions are also available

APSE Energy

- 137 member authorities (19 in Scotland)
- Two-day APSE Energy Scotland Summit is planned for October 2025 at the Hilton Glasgow
- Recent publications include:
 - Air quality context and case studies
 - Improving historic buildings with reference to "Adapting Historic Buildings for Energy and Carbon Efficiency"
- APSE Energy consultancy available



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