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# Scottish Building and Housing Seminar

7 and 8 February 2019

Hilton Dunblane Hydro, Dunblane



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# Programme

## Thursday 7 February 2019

09:00 Registration

10:00 **Session 1: The Bigger Picture**

### **“Question Time” challenges facing local government**

- Joyce White, Chief Executive, West Dunbartonshire Council and Chair of Solace
- Craig Hatton, Chief Executive, North Ayrshire Council
- Councillor Cecil Meiklejohn, Leader, Falkirk Council
- Councillor Elena Whitham, Co-Spokesperson, Cosla

11:15 Refreshments and exhibition viewing

11:45 **Session 2: Helping to tackle our housing challenges**

### **Falkirk’s Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan**

- Putting our plan in place
- Areas of consideration
- Challenges faced when working to a short timeframe

**Joanna Stewart, Senior Development Officer, Falkirk Council**

### **Tackling the affordable housing shortage in the Highlands**

- The Highland Housing Hub / collaboration versus competition
- Off-site fabrication versus traditional construction

- Constraints and solutions

**Allan Maguire, Head of Development and Regeneration, Highland Council**

12:45 Lunch and exhibition viewing

14:00 **Session 3: Health & Safety within the construction division**

### **The importance of good fire safety within domestic properties**

- Key areas of focus
- Examples of good practice
- Future considerations

**Danny Howie, Watch Manager - National Fire Safety Enforcement Team, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service**

### **Gaining accreditation to manufacture our own certified fire safety doors**

- Main reasons for undertaking the accreditation
- Development of fire door sets / components to achieve certification, training and feedback from workforce
- How this accreditation has helped building and housing services

**Gerry Doherty, Team Manager, Fife Council**

### **Fire safety in construction - what you need to know**

- Why is it important?
- What are your legal duties?
- How to remove the risk?

**Graham Mitchell, HM Inspector of Health and Safety, Health & Safety Executive**

# Programme

15:30 Refreshments and exhibition viewing

16:00 **Session 4: New innovations and methods of working**

## **Drones: Our research and development project**

- Aims and objectives
- Their use for building inspections and surveys
- Areas for development / future focus

**Andy Pollock, Curriculum Head, City of Glasgow College**

## **Technology, Information and Skills - what does the future hold?**

- Investing in our current and future workforce through training - multiskilling, apprenticeships and work placements
- The use of technology
- Opportunities to increase the variety of work carried out

**William Andrew, Service Lead and Heather Michael, Systems Officer - Property Maintenance, South Ayrshire Council**

19:00 Drinks reception

19:30 Annual Dinner, Margo Blair Award and Apprentice Awards

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## Friday 8 February 2019

09:30 **Session 5: Building Maintenance & Housing Clinic**

### **Discussion Forum**

Topics including:

- Recruitment and retention
- Succession planning

**Chaired by: Kenny Gillespie, Head of Housing, Falkirk Council and Colin McInnes, Associate, APSE**

11:30 Refreshments and seminar close

## Speakers



**Craig Hatton, Chief Executive, North Ayrshire Council**

As Chief Executive of North Ayrshire, Craig leads a strong team delivering the wide range of services associated with a unitary Council. A programme of transformational change has been developed to address the financial constraints of the public sector, demographic pressures of an aging population whilst seeking to stimulate the local economy.



**Joyce White, Chief Executive, West Dunbartonshire Council**

Joyce White is the Chief Executive of West Dunbartonshire Council a local authority which serves 89,590 residents and a lively business community in an area stretching from the banks of Loch Lomond to the shores of the Clyde. Joyce is Chair of SOLACE (Society of Local Authority Chief Executives) having previously served as Vice-Chair and is also involved in SOLACE in Business in a non-executive director role.

## Speakers



### **Councillor Cecil Meiklejohn, Leader, Falkirk Council**

First joined the SNP in 1982 and have been politically active throughout my adult life. I first was elected to Falkirk Council in 2007, when I became spokesperson for Environment and Community Safety, subsequently took on the remit of Housing and Social Work Services based on my knowledge and work experience.

In 2012 I was appointed SNP Group Leader, and following the 2017 local government elections I became Leader of Falkirk. I have also held a range of executive positions within the SNP locally at branch and constituency level and am currently Deputy Group Leader of the SNP Group at Cosla.

I have a broad professional and personal experienced of working within health and social care in both the voluntary and public sector prior to being elected including being a carer for over 20 years.

I have also held a number of ministerial appointments on public bodies, Care inspectorate and the Mobility and Access Committee for Scotland and I am currently a non executive Board member on the Scottish Ambulance Service.

## Speakers



**Councillor Elena Whitham, Depute Leader, East Ayrshire Council**

Elena Whitham is the Depute Leader of East Ayrshire Council and Cabinet Member with responsibility for Housing and Communities. Her work experience stretches across the public and third sectors with a focus on supporting people. She worked within statutory and voluntary agencies to prevent repeat homelessness of young singles dealing with substance misuse and offending behaviour. She also spent a decade working with Women's Aid as a refuge worker and outreach worker, helping women and children fleeing domestic abuse. Elena has a degree in Journalism and Communications from Concordia University in Montreal.



**William Andrew, Service Lead - Property Maintenance, South Ayrshire Council**

William J Andrew is the Service Lead for Property Maintenance at South Ayrshire Council based in Ayr, William has managed Property Maintenance since 2012. William also worked for West Dunbartonshire Council where he held the post of Operations Manager for 6 years, he also has vast experience in Local Authority employment which he joined in 1981 as a craft operative and has over 37 year's experience in a variety of posts including chargehand, MTS (Multi Trade Supervisor) and Maintenance Officer.

## Speakers



**Heather Michael, Systems Officer, South Ayrshire Council**

Heather Michael is currently the Systems Officer for South Ayrshire Council Property Maintenance. Heather has worked within Property Maintenance for 10 years having held posts of Office Supervisor and Technical Support Officer. Heather has worked for South Ayrshire Council/Strathclyde Regional Council for over 26 years and held a variety of posts. Before moving to Property Maintenance Heather was the Emergency Planning Officer.



**Joanna Stewart, Senior Housing Needs Implementation and Monitoring Officer, Falkirk Council**

Joanna's interest in housing was sparked at University. From there her career path has been firmly rooted in housing policy and homelessness. During her career she has driven forward the need for good quality housing information and advice as well as ensuring high quality service delivery. She has a passion to ensure that everyone has the right to a settled home and that customers are at the heart of service delivery. She has recently led on the development and production of Falkirk's Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan.

## Speakers



**Gerry Doherty, Team Manager, Fife Council**

I have worked within Local Government in Fife for the last 26 years. I was initially employed as a Joiner fitting doors and windows within our pre-painting team. After 6 years, an opportunity arose to enter into management, and I have progressed through the management tiers to my current role as a Team Manager. During my 20 years of management, I have worked in various depots, areas, and teams. My current duties are the strategic management of our windows and doors teams and our joiners workshop team, where I have been involved with the development and testing of fire doors. I am also a lead mentor on our apprentice programme.



**Danny Howie, Watch Manager, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service**

I am a serving member of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service with over twenty years' experience. For the last 6 years, I've worked within legislative fire safety, firstly within Edinburgh carrying out fire safety audits in premises deemed relevant under the Fire Scotland Act 2005. Latterly, my position has been within the National Prevention and Protection Directorate covering the North and East of Scotland, developing and implementing new policy and procedure within fire safety enforcement.



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## Exhibitors

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At CMS Window Systems environmental, economic and social sustainability has underpinned our success and we are proud holders of the Queen's Award for Enterprise: Sustainable Development. From humble beginnings in 2006, we are now one of the largest UK companies designing, manufacturing and installing PVCu and aluminium windows, doors and curtain walling systems. We produce around 2000 windows each week and 1000s of square metres of curtain walling every year and are committed to manufacturing the highest quality, energy efficient, low carbon products.

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# Exhibitors



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## National Strength, Local Delivery

Saint Gobain's Footprint in Scotland offers our customer's access to 22 Brands, 113 sites and 1,445 employees'. As an award winning Top Employer, Saint-Gobain UK and Ireland includes some of the best-known and respected companies in the construction sector.

## Committed to sustainability

As an organisation we operate within a sustainability framework based on limiting our environmental impact, encouraging employee growth, creating sustainable buildings and supporting local economic and social development embedding systems such as ISO14001 into our operations

## Committed to CSR

Wherever it is present, Saint-Gobain is committed to being a major and long-term contributor to local economic development based on the key values of respect for local communities and ongoing dialogue with all stakeholders.

An example of this is our partnership with Street League, a unique employability charity that uses football to engage with unemployed young people, creating an effective operating model to help move them into a sustainable outcome which is defined as moving into employment, education or training.

We are also delivering on construction vocational resource kits to work with Schools and Colleges to promote careers in construction.

## Exhibitors

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Jordan Electrics Limited is a family owned medium sized business with extensive experience in Domestic, Commercial, Industrial and Retail fields since 1975 and is currently under the control of Managing Director Brian Jordan and Technical Director Stephen Jordan.

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At present the company employs over 100 employees including approved electricians, supervisors, apprentices and head office staff.

We have an annual turnover in excess of £7 million handling contracts up to £1 million in value.

We are an NICEIC approved contractor and are members of Constructionline. All our Managers are IOSH managing certified. In addition to this, we are CHAS accredited.

We have vast experience in many fields in our industry which has been gained through successfully completing projects over many years.

## Exhibitors



The Scottish Stone Group was established in 2016 by several of Scotland's leading businesses in the stone sector. The Scottish Stone Group is committed to promoting the economic, social and environmental benefits of using indigenous natural stone.

Natural stone structures are part of Scotland's national identity and demand for this signature building material is starting to grow again, not only for new buildings but also streetscaping and restoration work. However, 85% of current stone is now imported into this country at a cost of £40m per annum to the Scottish economy. The Scottish Stone Group aims to reverse that trend by encouraging the use of locally sourced and processed stone.

We want to be part of a thriving sector that allows for our future built heritage to reflect Scotland's natural stone materials and is able to support skilled manufacturing jobs and apprenticeships as well as promoting an important environmentally sustainable material.

Please visit our Stand to learn more about the stone processing sector, where we will have samples of different natural stone available in Scotland and can answer any questions about the use of locally processed stone.

In attendance on the Stand will be Brian Binnie (MD of Denfind Stone, Angus), Marcus Paine (MD of Hutton Stone, Scottish Borders) and Peter Stewart (MD of Tradstocks, Stirlingshire) - thank you to APSE and we look forward to meeting you at the Building and Housing Seminar Dunblane 2019.

<http://scottishstonegroup.org.uk/>

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- Project Management in Local Government - 11th March
- ICCM - The Bereavement Journey - 12th March
- Leading Safely (Safety for Senior Executives) - 18th March
- Managing Conflict - 22nd March
- Health and Safety - Working on Highways and Verges - 25th March
- Role of the Facilities Manager - 29th March

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