

APSE Scotland Fleet, Waste and Grounds Seminar 2026



19 - 22 May 2026

MacDonald Aviemore Highland Resort

Event Programme

Tuesday 19th May

15:00 - 17:00 Registration and advance exhibition viewing

18:30 - 22:30 Gala Buffet Dinner (for all seminar attendees)

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Wednesday 20th May

09.45 – 10.30 Scotland's largest public sector fleet, waste and ground services exhibition opens - registration, exhibition viewing and refreshments

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10.30 - 12.00 **Session One: Waste and circular economy keynote session – Mapping the Future: Scotland's Path to 2030 (Part 1)**

Waste and resources across the UK: Insights and reflections for Scotland

- Key trends and policy developments shaping waste and resource management
- Reflections for Scotland's Route Map to 2030
- Future outlook

Speaker: Dan Cooke, Director of Policy, Communications and External Affairs, CIWM

Shaping Scotland's Recycling Future: Co-Design in Action

This will be a joint session providing Scottish and Local Government perspectives

- Setting the scene
- Co-design developments and progress to date
- The road ahead

Speakers: Representative, Scottish Government and Representative, Local Authority

Digital technologies for high quality and high performing kerbside collections

- How digital technologies are currently being used across local authority kerbside collection services in Scotland
- How well are these being utilised and how effective are they?
- What emerging technologies can help improve the quality of services and quality of materials being collected?

Speakers: John Arthur, Recycling Consultant, Zero Waste Scotland

10:45 – 12:00 **Parks and Grounds discussion forum**

To debate the latest challenges and opportunities for the sector including common tasks.

12:00 - 13:15 Lunch and exhibition viewing

13.15 -14.30 **Session Two: From challenge to change: Delivering effective street cleansing and litter reduction**

During this session delegates will gain a deeper understanding of current challenges, emerging trends, and the strategic decisions shaping cleaner, more sustainable public spaces. Whether you're looking to refine existing services or spark new ideas, this session will provide valuable takeaways to support your organisation's ambitions.

This will include a presentation from Frankie O'Rourke, Group Manager- City Services, Events & Neighbourhood Liaison, Glasgow City Council.

13.15 – 14.30 **Transport advisory discussion forum**

This session will focus on fleet and maintenance current issues and challenges including information from Dundee City Council on their coordinated EV charging council wide developments.

14.30 - 15.00 Exhibition viewing and refreshments

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15.00 - 16.15 **Session Three: Driving safely: managing risk through drug and alcohol policies**

Managing the insurance risk for prescribed medication, drugs and legal highs

- Duty of care and reducing liability
- Policy, testing and managing driver fitness
- Insurance gaps and possible legal outcomes

Speaker: Ruth Kydd, Insurance Manager, City of Edinburgh Council

Driving change: Dundee's alcolock journey

- Rationale behind the system introduction
- Protecting the safety of our workforce and residents
- Future considerations

Speaker: Fraser Crichton, Corporate Fleet Manager, Dundee City Council

15.00 – 16.15 Litter Managers Network discussion forum

A discussion on Scotland's National Litter and Flytipping strategy focusing on the progression of actions with representation from the Strategic Delivery Partners

16.15 - 17.00 Exhibition viewing and refreshments

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18:30 - 21:30 Dine around for all seminar attendees

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Thursday 21st May

09:15 – 10:00 Exhibition viewing and refreshments

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10.00 – 11.15 Session Four: Designing for Nature

Open Space Strategy 2026: East Lothian's strategic vision for community and nature

- National and local policy context
- Key proposals and priorities
- Building on progress

Speaker: Jennifer Lothian, Strategy, Policy & Development Manager, East Lothian Council

Biodiversity Net Gains for parks and green spaces

- Biodiversity Net Gain and its relevance to parks and green spaces
- Increasing the awareness and understanding of the opportunities presented
- New areas of focus and development

Speaker: Fiona Sutton-Wilson, Head of APSE Training

11.15 – 11.45 Exhibition viewing and refreshments

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11.45 – 13.00 Session Five: Transport responsibilities and compliance

DVSA - Safe systems and technology changes

- The importance of drivers in fleet operations
- Forward look on technology changes test and enforcement
- Direction of travel and any areas of concerns

Speaker: Gordon Thomson, Head of Vehicle Testing Policy & Neil Barlow, Head of MOT Policy, DVSA

HGV decarbonisation pathway for Scotland

- Key challenges in moving to zero emission HGVs
- Collaboration and funding opportunities
- Pathways to delivery

Speaker: Representative, Transport Scotland (inv)

11.45 – 13.00 Waste discussion forum

To debate the latest challenges and opportunities for the sector. This forum will focus on the Zero Waste Scotland ETS toolkit and will be led by KatLaakso, Recycling Partner, Zero Waste Scotland.

13:00 – 14:15 Lunch and exhibition viewing

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14.15 - 15.30 Session Six: Mapping the future: Scotland's path to 2030 (Part 2)

Capturing and processing film and flexible plastics

- Current policy context
- The journey to finding a solution
- Delivering the vision

Speaker: David Goodenough, Service Manager, Cireco

South Ayrshire's food waste recycling trial

- Our three food waste interventions
- Our trial results
- Continuing our journey

Speaker: Paul Dougall, Co Ordinator – Neighbourhood Services, South Ayrshire Council

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pEPR Improvement Action Process (IAP) pilot: Lessons from Fife's waste services

- Why Fife was chosen
- What the pilot involved
- What was achieved

Speaker: Sandy Anderson, Service Manager – Waste Operations and Janet Mackenzie, Strategy Officer, Fife Council

15:30 - 16:00 Exhibition viewing and refreshments

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19.00 - 19.30 Pre-dinner evening reception

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19.30 Annual Dinner (Smart suit or equivalent)

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Friday 22nd May

Breakfast and departure

How to get there

The event will be hosted in MacDonald Aviemore Highland Resort's dedicated conference centre and 4 star hotels.

Travelling by road

Situated off Grampian Road, for satellite navigation systems the hotel address is Macdonald Highlands Hotel, Aviemore, Inverness-shire, PH22 1PN.

Journey Times:

Inverness – 45 minutes

Perth – 1 hour 30 minutes

Aberdeen – 2 hours

Edinburgh – 2 hours 30 minutes

Glasgow – 2 hours 30 minutes

Travelling by train

Macdonald Aviemore Resort is situated directly opposite Aviemore Station.

Travelling by bike

National Cycle Route 7 runs from Glasgow to Inverness passing through Aviemore. Cycle route 7 is a combination of on and off-road sections and links up the communities of the Aviemore and the Cairngorms area.

Travelling by air

Inverness airport is the nearest to Aviemore and services from Amsterdam, London (Gatwick and Luton), Manchester, Birmingham, Bristol, Belfast, Kirkwall, Sumburgh, Stornoway and Benbecula are available.

Delegate Packages Exclusive of accommodation costs

Full delegate fee

APSE members: **£310 + VAT**

Private sector organisations: **£510+ VAT**

Day delegate fee

APSE members: **£210 + VAT**

Private sector organisations: **£335 + VAT**

Accommodation Bookings allocated on 'first come' basis

Single: £330

(Inclusive of 3 nights full board plus annual dinner and awards ceremony)

Accommodation rate per night £125 (Dinner, Bed & Breakfast)

All hotel bookings at this event must be reserved by APSE as the hotel will not accept any direct bookings at the above special rate.

Please note that personal charges incurred are payable to the hotel by breakfast on Friday, rooms should be cleared by 11:00am.

Exhibitor Information

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- GO Best Service Award—Contractors working with the Scottish public sector 2017/18 - Finalist

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