

# Minutes of APSE Northern Annual General Meeting 2025

Tuesday 22 July 2025.

Maldron Hotel, 17 Newgate Street, Newcastle NE1 5RE

1. Welcome from Cllr Tracey Dixon, Chair of APSE Northern, South Tyneside Council
2. Attendance and notification of substitutes
3. Apologies for absence

Cllr John Kerr-Brown  
Anita Brown  
Adrian Phillips

4. Appointment of tellers (2)

Adam Bateman, Stockton on Tees Borough Council and Jane Ingram, South Tyneside MBC

## **Agreed**

5. To reaffirm the APSE Northern chair for 2025-2026

**Affirm Cllr. Tracey Dixon as Chair and Cllr John Kerr Brown as Vice Chair - agreed.**

6. To appoint the APSE Northern Secretary 2025-2026

**Anita Brown - agreed.**

7. To agree the APSE northern auditors for 2025-26

**Slade and Cooper - agreed.**

8. To agree the minutes of the Northern annual general meeting held on Wednesday 11 June 2025 in York - **agreed**

9. To confirm APSE Northern Representatives to APSE National Council (8 seats in total which must include the Northern Chair, Northern Secretary, and four additional seats) and to appoint substitutes.

- Cllr. Tracey Dixon South Tyneside (Northern Chair)
- Anita Brown, Stockton-on-Tees (Secretary)
- Cllr. John Kerr-Brown Warrington Council (Vice Chair)
- Adrian Phillips Preston Council
- Paul Belotti, East Riding of Yorkshire Council
- Cllr Shelley Powell, Knowsley Council
- Cllr Richard Wright, North Kesteven District Council

- Andrew Donaldson, Knowsley Council, As Substitute

**Agreed**

10. To ratify the Chair, Cllr Tracey Dixon, as APSE National Chair for 2025-26

**Agreed**

11. To ratify the Secretary, Anita Brown as APSE National Secretary for 2025-26

**Agreed**

11. To confirm the appointment to APSE policy performance and scrutiny committee 2025-26 of the APSE northern chair and secretary and appoint substitutes

- **Cllr. Tracey Dixon**
- **Anita Brown**
- **Cllr John Kerr Brown as substitute**

**Agreed**

12. Election to APSE northern executive committee and regions proposed support for nominations to the APSE AGM

These nominations are not the property of this meeting, but we would like to ask you to support the following to go forward to the Annual General Meeting in September

- Cllr. Richard Wright as a strategic forum chair (North Kesteven Council)
- Cllr. John Kerr-Brown as a strategic forum chair (Warrington Council)
- Cllr. Norma Stephenson, as a Network chair (Stockton on Tees Council)
- Cllr Tracey Dixon as a Network chair (South Tyneside)
- Cllr. Shelley Powell as a Network chair (Knowsley Council)
- Cllr. Freddie Bailey as a Network chair (Preston Council)
- Cllr. Lisa Hinton as a strategic forum chair (Cumberland Council)

**Agreed**

13. Financial Reports

- Financial review report for APSE northern prepared by Slade and Cooper, Accountants
- Financial Statement 2025/26
- Proposed Budget 2025/2026
- **Report agreed and the proposed budget for 2025/2026 to be delegated to the regional executive committee.**
- To agree banking arrangements for APSE northern – Co-op Bank
- **Agreed**

15. Proposed Calendar of Meetings 2025-26 - **to be agreed with regional executive committee**

16. Matters Arising and any necessary changes to reflect the national constitution of APSE.

**There were no matters raised**

17. National Update and arrangements for the APSE AGM 2025 which will be held on 10 and 11 September 2025 in Glasgow. All APSE members will receive 2 complimentary places to enable an officer and an elected member to attend from each member council.

**Noted**

18. Date and Place of Next Meeting - **to be agreed with regional executive.**