

Minutes of the APSE Northern Ireland Annual General Meeting 2024

Tuesday 6 June 2024, 12.30 – 12.50, Galgorm Hotel, Ballymena

1. A welcome to the meeting was provided by Cllr Terry Andrews of Newry, Mourne and Down Council before handing the first item of business to Mo Baines, APSE Chief Executive. Cllr Andrews thanked the meeting for their attendance and noted the apology of Cllr Martin Reilly for his absence. Cllr Andrews then gave thanks to Cllr Adger for her service on National Council.
2. As the APSE Northern Ireland elections for Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and National Council are biennial, no elections were required for the 2024 AGM.
3. Minutes of APSE Northern Ireland AGM 2023 were **AGREED** as a correct record.
4. Mo Baines presented a Finance Report to the meeting confirming that the ongoing support from the APSE membership retention fund which has allowed the continuation of support to APSE Northern Ireland, in providing a programme of free events to APSE member councils. There were no questions raised to the Finance Report and on being put to the meeting the report was AGREED.
5. Whilst a full Annual Report of the Association will be presented to the APSE AGM in September, which this year will be held in Bristol, Mo Baines, presented a brief update to confirm the successful implementation of a new ESG (Environmental Social and Governance) framework to reflect the direction of travel amongst APSE Member Councils. All member councils were encouraged to attend the APSE AGM in Bristol in September, to showcase the innovation within local government.
6. Matt Ellis, APSE Principal Advisor for Northern Ireland, provided a summary update on the work of APSE Northern Ireland, noting the membership had valued contributions to both in-person and online events including health and wellbeing, waste and resources, performance management and ongoing work with the APSE research programme.
7. It was noted that whilst the APSE advisory groups and strategic forums are the property of the APSE Annual General Meeting Northern Ireland currently holds two positions and the meeting was asked to confirm its support to nominate representatives to two groups to go forward to the APSE Annual General Meeting 2024. The meeting **AGREED** the following nominations:-
 - I. Advisory Group Chair: (Currently Refuse, Waste, and Street Scene Services) **Cllr Martin Reilly, Derry City and Strabane.**
 - II. Strategic Forum Chair: (Currently Property, asset management and regeneration) **Ald. Alan McDowell, Ards and North Down**

8. There being no proposed changes to NI Constitution or motions received, and no further competent business to deal with the meeting closed with a thank you to delegates provided by Cllr Terry Andrews, APSE Northern Ireland Chair.

The meeting closed at 12.50