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COUNCIL EXECUTIVE

APSE SCOTTISH BUILDING & HOUSING SEMINAR 2023

REPORT BY INTERIM HEAD OF HOUSING, CUSTOMER AND BUILDING SERVICES

A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of the report is to seek approval from Council Executive for the appropriate elected members attendance at the APSE Scottish Building and Housing Seminar 2023, incorporating the Apprentice of the Year Awards. The event will be held in Glasgow on the 16 & 17 February 2023.

B. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council Executive:

- 1. Notes that a council Building Services apprentice has been shortlisted for the APSE Apprentice of the Year Awards, and;
- 2. Approves the attendance of appropriate elected members at the APSE Scottish Building and Housing Seminar 2023 with appropriate officer support from Housing, Customer & Building Services

C. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

I	Council Values	Focusing on our customers' needs; being honest, open and accountable; providing equality of opportunities; developing employees; working in partnership
II	Policy and Legal (including Strategic Environmental Assessment, Equality Issues, Health or Risk Assessment)	None
III	Implications for Scheme of Delegations to Officers	None
IV	Impact on performance and performance	None

V Relevance to Single None Outcome Agreement

Indicators

VI Resources - (Financial, Staffing and Property) The cost for individual attendance at the seminar for APSE members is £219 + VAT. Travel and accommodation will be an additional

- VII Consideration at PDSP None
- VIII Other consultations None

D. TERMS OF REPORT

D.1 Background

The Council are members of APSE and the Executive Councillor for Services for the Community is the Chair of the APSE Scotland Housing and Building Advisory Group and is also a member of APSE's National Council.

The APSE Scottish Building and Housing Seminar 2023 will be exploring excellence in frontline services. The programme of events includes the opportunity for delegates and suppliers to network and share ideas in an informal setting.

On the 16 & 17 February 2023 the seminar will showcase the latest in local government developments. Delegates will get the opportunity to hear keynote speakers from across the UK local government covering topics including – • Building maintenance state of the market and the local authority retrofit landscape • Scottish Government's Heat in Buildings Public Engagement Strategy and the Heat and Energy Efficiency Scotland (HEES) virtual agency • Review of the Energy Efficiency Standard for Social Housing (EESSH2): realigning the standard with the target for net zero heat in homes.

The evening apprentice awards ceremony is a prestigious high-profile occasion where finalists in the non-trade and trade categories are recognised for their achievements. One Building Services apprentice has been shortlisted for the awards: Christopher Harkins, Apprentice Electrician. The winners will be announced at the awards ceremony.

E. CONCLUSION

The Council Executive confirms the appropriate elected member to attend the APSE Scottish Building and Housing Seminar 2023, incorporating the Apprentice of the Year Awards.

F. BACKGROUND REFERENCES

Appendices/Attachments:

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