

Building and maintaining the council housing of the future

APSE Scotland Building and Housing Seminar 2019



7 and 8 February 2019

Dunblane Hydro, Perthshire

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 Alison Evison, President, Cosla (inv)

Audience question and answer session

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

Audience question and answer session

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

Audience question and answer session

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

Audience question and answer session

19:00 Drinks reception

19:30 Annual Dinner, Margo Blair Award and Apprentice Awards (sponsored by Jordan Electrics)

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 Seminar close

About the seminar

The setting of building maintenance and housing services continues to develop and change at a fast pace. APSE's 2018 joint publication with the TCPA "Delivering affordable homes in a changing world: Ensuring councils can meet local housing need" looks at different local authority models of council leadership in delivering and managing social and affordable housing. As well as this, local authorities continue to face ongoing budget pressures which make the challenges our important services face even more difficult to overcome. Specifically, this conference will provide the opportunity for delegates to pose their questions on current and future challenges for local authorities (within building and housing) to an expert panel of Chief Executives and Elected Members. During the event we will also look at how local authorities are helping to tackle the housing need, with presentations on the Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan and how the Highlands are meeting their housing challenges. As well as this we will be looking at the importance of health and safety especially post Grenfell. In addition, we will be looking to the future and hearing about some of the new innovations and methods of working which are out there. One of the "hot topics" at the moment is the use of drones and this conference will look at their potential use for inspections and surveys. As well as this we will hear how technology, information and skills are evolving and helping building services. Finally, we will have our building maintenance and housing clinic which provides colleagues attending the opportunity to discuss and debate the issues which are affecting their service areas. Topics to be discussed will include recruitment and retention as well as succession planning.

Who should attend?

- Elected Members
- Service Directors
- Maintenance and Repairs Managers
- Housing and Building Services Officers
- Asset Management Officers
- Contractors and Suppliers

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The venue

DoubleTree by Hilton Dunblane Hydro
Perth Road
Dunblane
Perthshire
FK15 0HG

The hotel is located in over ten acres of picturesque landscaped grounds, overlooking Dunblane and its 12th century cathedral with the Perthshire countryside in the distance. Michelin star-winning celebrity chef Nick Nairn was invited to head up the new Kailyard Restaurant with his inspirational Scottish menu.

Directions

Roads and Parking

Directions from Glasgow - Follow the signs to Stirling (M80). Merge with the M9 at Stirling and leave at junction 11 for Dunblane. Drive for half a mile on the dual carriageway. Go straight over the next two roundabouts and Dunblane Hydro hotel is 200 yards on the right.

Train

Dunblane train station is 1 mile away from the venue.

Contact details

Contact name	Authority
Address	
	Postcode
Email	Telephone

Please detail any special dietary or access requirements for the delegates listed below (including vegetarian/vegan)

Delegate Packages Exclusive of accommodation costs

What's included: The delegate fee covers seminar attendance, delegates' documentation, lunches and light refreshments and dinner on the evening of 7 February. Accommodation is not included.

Full seminar attendance including evening function
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Option A: 1 night accommodation

Date: 7 February 2019 **Cost (B&B) £70***

Option B: 1 night accommodation (sharing)

Date: 7 February 2019 **Cost (B&B) £50 per person ***

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