



# ***APSE Update***

***Parks Grounds & Street Services Advisory Group***

***4 March 2010***

***Jamie Ward, APSE***



- Staffing Issues
- Jamie Ward in post of Interim Principal Advisor. Recruitment process currently ongoing
- Laura McNab due to return next week

*For your diary – forthcoming meetings*



- **Next meeting**
- Decided at AGM
- Peebles – success
- Aviemore 4 – 7 May 2010



- Managing Parks in the Age of Financial Austerity.
- APSE will be hosting a major one day seminar at the Thistle Hotel, Piccadilly Gardens, Manchester City Centre, on Thursday 25 March 2010.

# Current Research Projects – Commissioned by APSE



- Achieving Excellence: An elected members guide to performance management – APSE/LGIU
- The Ensuring Council - Governance, Neighbourhoods and Service delivery Vol II – Inlogov/De Montfort University
- Achieving Community Benefits through Procurement - CLES.
- Green Tendering Toolkit – The Environment Centre, Southampton University
- Policy into practice – ESRC funded research with APSE/INLOGOV/Edinburgh University and De Montfort University

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# Current research – commissioned from APSE



- Trades Union Congress (TUC) – Speaking up for public services: the role of public services during a recession.
- Association of Retained Council Housing (ARCH) – The holistic benefits of retained council housing.
- UNISON – Local Authority new build housing
- PSNet – Environmental Assessment Toolkit for Carbon Reduction Commitment
- UNISON – The involvement of trade unions and the workforce in service improvement.
- Service transformation

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- Liberal Democrats 5- 7 March
- SNP 20-21 March
- Labour Party 27 March

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