



# *APSE Update*

*Soft FM Meeting  
25 May 2010*

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# Structure



- National Issues
- National Financial Issues
- APSE Issues
- Member Issues

# National Issues



- Audit Scotland now reporting on outcomes on BV2 Pathfinders
- Road testing a new audit approach. Risk based/Self evaluation
- Pathfinder Councils:
  - Angus
  - Dundee City
  - East Ayrshire
  - Highland
  - Scottish Borders
- New Judgements “pace and direction of change” and “prospects for future improvement”

# Overview of Issues From Pathfinder Reports



- Capacity/Capability to deliver on outcomes
- Competitiveness/options appraisal
- Performance Management Arrangements
- Approach to self evaluation/improvement corporate/service level

# National Financial Issues



- Scottish Parliament Finance Committee – Budget Strategy Phase April/June 2010
- Remit:
  - “ What preparations should be underway now by the public sector to ensure the efficient delivery of public services within a period of tightening public expenditure?”
- Key Issues ranging from user involvement, ring fencing, organisation of public services and efficiency savings
- Outcome of Finance Committee, inform 2011/12 budget

# Independent Budget Review



- Commissioned in February 2010 to conduct a review of public expenditure
- Will inform next spending review 2011-14
- Will make recommendations about options for delivering public services within constrained public expenditure
- Report in July 2010

# APSE Issues - Current Research Publications



- **The Ensuring Council; governance neighbourhoods and service delivery**
- **An elected member guide to performance management**
- **Insourcing: A guide to bringing local authority services back in-house**
- **Creating resilient local economies:exploring the economic footprint of public services**
- **Details can be found online at [www.apse.org.uk](http://www.apse.org.uk)**

# Training Programme



- Forthcoming Training from APSE lifelong learning and development includes:
  - Health & Safety management masterclass – 3 June, Edinburgh
  - Food safety and food hygiene masterclass – 7 June, Leeds
  - Safer recruitment in education – 21 June Manchester
  - Catering & Cleaning supervisory skills for team leaders – 30 June Manchester
- A full list of these and other programmes on offer can be found at the front.
- For details contact Jan Mazzone Email: [jmazzone@apse.org.uk](mailto:jmazzone@apse.org.uk)  
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# AGM and Election's



- ELECTIONS – AGM 11 June,
- AT this years AGM, Chairs & Secretary's will be elected for each of the advisory group's as well as the Scottish Chair, Scottish Secretary. Please attend and offer your support.
- Chatelherault Country  
Park, Ferniegar, Hamilton, Lanarkshire, ML3  
7UE

## *For your diary – forthcoming meetings*



- Next meeting of Soft FM Group
- Will be decided at AGM on 11 June 2010



- Staffing Issues
- Andrew Spowart new Principal Advisor for Scotland

# Member Issues



- Member driven association
- Responsive to needs of members
- Circulate draft APSE Business Plan
- Over to you...



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