

APSE SOFT FM MEETING 14 JANUARY 2009

1. Welcome from Pat Taggart APSE Principle Advisor.
2. Apologies
3. Minutes from last meeting – no issues.
4. Mark Thomson (TNS – Global) delivers a presentation featuring “Global Price Increases in Food”, highlighting trends and statistics of potential use to the group.
5. Date of next meeting changed from Wednesday 22 April too Friday 24 April.
6. P. Taggart informs group about the Healthy Communities Seminar too be held at the Hilton Dunkeld on the 5 and 6 November 2009. Discussion of topics, exhibitions and accolades. Pat agrees to send out an e-publication of accolades.
7. P.Taggart highlights intention to address APSE/APSE Scotland email issue. Group agree that accolades for best initiative should continue with three categorys. Group discuss potential topics for next meeting.
8. P.Taggart delivers APSE National Update, incorporating future research, Wales, a services update, Scottish accolade winners and performance networks.
9. APSE staff changes. Gary Mooney-New Research and Advisory Officer, Laura McNabe-Maternity leave.
10. P. Taggart agrees to send out guidance notes in relation to performance networks training set for April.
11. Issues round-up: P.Taggart informs group of Health and Safety group progress, date for next Health and Safety meeting scheduled for 12 March in Dundee, discussing HAVS. Also informs group of attempt to place a Health and Safety link on the APSE website. Group suggest an invitation for a representative of the HSE to discuss issues such as slips, trips and ladders. Next Health and Safety Agenda to be sent out with minutes.
12. Feedback on free school meals, overall well received. Group discuss ideas and actions some councils already have in place in an attempt to encourage children to stay in school and eat what is provided, such as vans, the cash/cashless systems pros and cons and the impact of private retailers near too or around schools.
13. A.O.C.B.
14. Lunch

15. Hungry for Success Reference Group-led by Robin Gourley.
16. Margaret Murphy agrees to host next meeting in North Lanarkshire on 24 April 2009.
17. Robin Gourley Thanks group and brings meeting to a close.