

Title of Report:	Conference Report
Committee Report Submitted To:	Council Meeting
Date of Meeting:	1 September 2026
For Decision or For Information	For Decision
To be discussed In Committee	No

Linkage to Council Plan 2026–2031	
Strategic Theme	Governance, Quality & Continuous Improvement
Outcome	Continuous improvement embedded in all services based on evidence, performance data, and customer feedback
Lead Officer	Director of Corporate Services

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	See cost against each Conference
Included in Current Year Estimates	YES/NO
Capital/Revenue	
Code	
Staffing Costs	

Legal Considerations	
Input of Legal Services Required	YES/NO
Legal Opinion Obtained	YES/NO

Screening Requirements	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	EQIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	Yes/No	Date:
	RNA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:

1.0 Purpose of report

1.1 The purpose of the report is to inform Elected Members of conferences and courses they may wish to attend.

2.0 The following is listed:

2.1 Association of Public Sector Excellence Annual Seminar 2026 'Local Government on the frontline: Meeting challenges and supporting communities' and AGM. (email received 12 August 26, copy correspondence attached)

Date: Wednesday 16 September 2026 at 16:30

Location: The Crowne Plaza, Liverpool City Centre, 2 Nicholas Place, L3 1QW

Cost:- Two free delegates per Council

Registration opens at 11:30 to enable AGM attendance to be registered alongside those attending the APSE Annual Seminar 2026 and will remain open until 16:30. The AGM will commence at the rise of the first day of the seminar at 16:30.

Voting cards will be issued at the time of registration; members are reminded that there is only one vote per member authority. Voting cards must be returned after the meeting. The AGM will close at approximately 17:15.

Evening reception following the AGM: 19:00 Wednesday 16 September 2026

Members wishing to attend this event should contact Democratic Services.

2.2 Northern Ireland Policing Board: Conversations with Purpose Events (email received 26 August 26, copy correspondence attached)

Dates/Locations:

- Wednesday September 2 18:30 – Derry/Londonderry, Magee Campus, Ulster University and online
- Thursday September 17 18:30 – Belfast, York Street, Ulster University and online
- Wednesday September 23 18:30 – Dungannon, Ranfurly House - Hill of the O'Neill and online

Cost:- Nil

Members wishing to attend this event should contact Democratic Services.

2.3 Swim Ireland: Infrastructure and Facility Local Authority Conference (email received 26 August 26, copy correspondence attached)

Date: Wednesday 7 October 2026 09:30 – 16:30

Location: GAA Development Centre, Sport Ireland Campus,
Blanchardstown, Dublin 15

Cost:- Nil

Swim Ireland in conjunction with Ireland Active are inviting you to join us for a day of learning and sharing of experience.

Join colleagues from local authorities across Ireland for a practical one-day conference focused on the planning, development and operation of aquatic and leisure facilities. The event will bring together local authority representatives, industry specialists and project partners to share real-world experience, practical guidance and solutions for future-ready facilities.

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Why Attend?

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Members wishing to attend this event should contact Democratic Services.

3.0 Recommendation

It is recommended that Council consider the Conference report.

From: Mo Baines, APSE Chief Executive <apseinfoservices@apse.org.uk>
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2026 3:15 PM
To: Amanda Hamilton <Amanda.Hamilton@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk>
Subject: Notice of the APSE Annual General Meeting 2026 | Papers Now Available

Amanda Hamilton - Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council

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Wednesday 16 September 2026 at 16:30

Venue: The Crowne Plaza, Liverpool City Centre, 2 Nicholas Place, L3 1QW

Registration: Opens **11:30** and will remain open until **16:30** when the AGM will commence.

The estimated close of meeting is **17:15**

Dear Amanda

Please find below the agenda and meeting papers for the APSE Annual General Meeting (AGM), which will be held in conjunction with the Annual Seminar in Liverpool.

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All delegates are cordially invited to join colleagues for a post AGM reception with food and refreshments at OhMeOhMy, West Africa House, Liverpool. The venue features a rooftop viewing area overlooking the iconic Liver Building and the historic Liverpool docks.

>> [Please use this link to access the AGM papers and Annual Report and to confirm your attendance or submit your apologies](#) <<





For those of you who are joining us for the APSE Annual Seminar 2026 **'Local Government on the frontline: Meeting challenges and supporting communities'** please note that registration opens at **11:30 at the Crowne Plaza Liverpool on Wednesday 16 September** with exhibition viewing and APSE 'surgeries' with experts from Solutions, Energy, Performance Networks and Training.

Lunch and coffee will be provided on arrival for delegates. [Please book your seminar places here](#), along with accommodation packages as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

All APSE member councils can access **two complimentary seminar places** (accommodation will be invoiced).

*Please email enquiries@apse.org.uk to check if your council's allocated places are still available.



Please download the AGM papers using [this link](#)

In addition to the annual and financial reports, I would like to refer you to agenda item 18 – APSE representation 2026-27. APSE's networks and strategic forum chairs are elected at the AGM, and you should note that each post carries with it a personal allowance of £1,650 per annum.

Nominations for network and strategic forum chairs are only open to elected members from APSE member authorities. APSE's National Council would wish to ensure that in filling these important positions there will be, so far as is practicable; political balance; gender balance; geographic balance and a wide representation of member authorities, with each appointment being made to a different member authority.

By adopting these principles, we hope to ensure that the Association has a fair and true representation across all of its networks and strategic forums. For further information on standing for election please contact me at the APSE address below.

You will also note that this year a constitutional amendment is proposed which supports APSE's ongoing review of issues of compliance and member protection across the association. Constitutional Amendments require a two thirds majority of those present at the AGM.

The AGM is the opportunity for APSE members to have their say. We would actively encourage all member councils to ensure representation at this important meeting in the APSE calendar. We proactively encourage attendance from local government officers and councillors.



I look forward to seeing you in Liverpool for the AGM and hope that those of you who are also joining us for the APSE Annual Seminar 2026 will have an enjoyable and productive time.

Yours sincerely

Mo Baines

APSE Chief Executive

mbaines@apse.org.uk

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Your details

Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council

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Amanda Hamilton

Democratic and Central Services Manager

Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council is a member of **APSE** and you have full access to the benefits of membership. Find out more by visiting the [APSE Website](#).

You have not yet expressed interest in a particular service area.

If you would like to add to or amend your areas of interest you can do so using the link below.

[Service Area Update Form](#)

APSE's suite of service area networks now includes:

- **Local Government Reorganisation Support Network**
- **Armed Forces and Veterans Network**
- **Workforce Matters**

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You can view the upcoming suite of APSE Seminars by clicking on the link below.

Colleagues from **Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council** can attend these Seminars at the **Member** Rate.

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From: NIPB Information <Information@nipolicingboard.org.uk>

Sent: 26 August 2026 09:45

Subject: REMINDER | CONVERSATIONS WITH PURPOSE EVENTS | FOUNDATIONS AND FUTURE: POLICING 2026 AND BEYOND



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CONVERSATIONS WITH PURPOSE EVENTS

FOUNDATIONS AND FUTURE: POLICING 2026 AND BEYOND

Belfast | Dungannon | Derry/Londonderry

The **Northern Ireland Policing Board** and **Police Service of Northern Ireland**, in partnership with **Queen's University Belfast** and **Ulster University**, are hosting a series of events to mark 25 years of the new policing arrangements in Northern Ireland.

Three Conversations with Purpose events are being held to reflect on progress over the last 25 years and facilitate public discussion on policing matters and future expectations for the Service.

Event Dates & Locations

- Wednesday **September 2nd** – Derry/Londonderry, Magee Campus, Ulster University
- Thursday **September 17th** – Belfast, York Street, Ulster University
- Wednesday **September 23rd** – Dungannon, Ranfurly House - Hill of the O'Neill

We want to hear from people right across the community to share their views so that a vision can be shaped and set for the next 25 years.

These events can be attended in person or online.

To find out more and register your attendance, please click the link [HERE](#) or button below.



You are also welcome to share this invitation with colleagues, partners, and others within your network who may be interested in attending.

We look forward to welcoming you to this important conversation.

From: Kate McKnight <katemcknight@swimireland.ie>

Sent: 26 August 2026 13:25

To: info <info@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk>

Subject: Swim Ireland, Infrastructure and Facility Local Authority Conference - 7 October - GAA Sport Ireland Conference

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Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council

Hope you are well, please Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council can you pass this invitation to the person in your Authority who would have the responsibility for development of your swimming facilities
thanks

Swim Ireland in conjunction with **Ireland Active** are inviting you to join us for a day of learning and sharing of experience

[Local Authority Conference Registration Form](#)



Join colleagues from local authorities across Ireland for a practical one-day conference focused on the planning, development and operation of aquatic and leisure facilities. The event will bring together local authority representatives, industry specialists and project partners to share real-world experience, practical guidance and solutions for future-ready facilities.

Through expert presentations and case studies, delegates will explore -

- Facility needs now and for the future
- The gap analysis report
- Funding opportunities
- Sustainable pool and plantroom design

- Project planning and tender preparation
- Management models
- Accessibility and inclusion
- Strategic support
- Innovative aquatic developments

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09:30 - 16:30

Open to local authorities only

Please see the attached form and register your interest to attend. Please note the conference is only open to Local Authorities, and registration is with a local authority email address

I hope to welcome you on the day - the full agenda of speakers and timings will be circulated once you register your interest.

Please note that if you have a colleague who you consider would be better placed to attend please do pass this email to them as they would be most welcome to attend.

Kind Regards,

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