



## Belfast City Council

<b>Report to:</b>	Health and Environmental Services Committee
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Association for Public Service Excellence Annual Seminar</b>
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### Key Issues

In September, the Association for Public Service Excellence (APSE) will be holding its annual seminar for local authorities and their public sector partners across the United Kingdom. This year the seminar will be held in Londonderry on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> September. The seminar is called “Armageddon or managed transformation: Where to next for Local Government’s Front Line?”

With a number of noted speakers, it covers a broad agenda concerning how to prepare for a period of financial constraints. It will explore how local government sustains excellence in service delivery in these times, and covers subjects such as cleaning and greening, waste to energy and healthy communities. There are also sessions for elected representatives. The draft programme is attached.

Given the focus and content of the conference, it is suggested that in addition to the Chairman it would be beneficial for the Director or another senior officer to attend the event to enable them to engage in the debate and consider any associated organisational consequences.

The Director of Parks and Leisure has been granted approval via the Parks and Leisure Committee to attend the event.

### Resource Implications

Conference fee per person - £379  
Accommodation per person – 2 nights - £132

There is allowance in the current revenue estimates to cover this expenditure as well as mileage costs for car travel to the conference venue.

**Recommendation**

The Committee is asked to nominate the Chairman and the Director of Health and Environmental Services (or their nominees) to attend the APSE annual seminar and Service Awards dinner.

**Document Attached**

Conference programme

**Abbreviation**

APSE – Association for Public Service Excellence.