



# APSE Energy Summit 2025 - Delivering Change



**Tuesday 21 - Wednesday 22 October 2025**

Glasgow Marriott Hotel, 500 Argyle Street, Glasgow, G3 8RR

# Programme day 1

Tuesday 21 October 2025

10:00 Registration

10:30 **Introduction – Phil Brennan, Head of APSE Energy**

10:35 **Session One - Strategy and Finance**

**Chair - Cllr Rachel Nunn, Stirling Council**

**We know what we want but how do we get there?**

- Solving the jigsaw - transport, heating, renewables, infrastructure, skills and more...
- Moving from policy into action at the local level
- Examples to follow

**Catriona Laing, Deputy Director for Domestic Climate Change, Scottish Government**

**The Public Sector Heat Decarbonisation Fund**

- The bigger picture
- What to focus on for success
- Taking a long term approach

**Heather Jones, Assistant Director, Salix Finance**

*Audience question and answer session*

11:45 Break

**Session Two: Panel Discussion - The Practicalities - Heat networks, LHEES and other stories!**

**Martin Hayman, LHEES Project Officer, East Lothian Council**

- Community funded large scale district heating

**Mike Keating, APSE Energy Associate**

- Baseloads
- Identifying demand
- Engaging potential customers

*Audience question and answer session*

13:00 Lunch

14:00 **Session Three - People and Practice**

**A 'people-based' perspective on energy**

- Achieving a just transition
- Skills, understanding, interaction and behaviour change
- Learning from case studies

**Prof. Karen Turner, Equity Theme Lead, Professor and Director of the Centre for Energy Policy, University of Strathclyde**

**Building climate change into your decision making**

- Getting buy-in to an impact assessment tool
- How to get people to use it and use it properly!
- Does it add value?

**Erica Roche, Change and Governance Manager, East Renfrewshire Council.**

**Net Zero at Strathclyde Country Park's Watersport Centre**

- Taking on a 1970s energy led retrofit... and winning?
- Where did the money come from?
- Expected outcomes, unexpected barriers

**Claire Mennim, Greenspace Projects Manager, North Lanarkshire Council**

*Audience question and answer session*

15:15 Break

15:35 **Session Four: Workshops**

*Workshops run concurrently and delegates can attend one workshop of their choice*

**Workshop One**

**The challenge that is fleet decarbonisation**

- What are the objectives?
- A solution to the problem
- No fleet, no services!

**Angus Webb, CEO, Dynamon**

**Workshop Two**

**There's always more to decarbonisation than you think!**

- Detailed decarbonisation case study
- Lessons learnt about assets and data, prioritisation, options appraisal, appropriate technologies, procurement and more
- Meeting Public Sector Heat Decarbonisation Scheme criteria

**Alan Barber and Mike Keating, APSE Energy Associates**

16:15 **Session Five**

**A multi-faceted approach to greening the fleet**

- Tackling vehicle idling
- The importance of having a plan and 'fleet performance packs'
- Training for an EV fleet

**Bob Ritchie, Transport Manager, and Steven Allan, Estimating and Business Improvement Manger, Tayside Contracts**

17:00 **Close of Day One**

19:00 Pre dinner drinks

19:30 **The APSE Energy Summit Dinner**

# Programme day 2

Wednesday 22 October 2025

9:00 **Introduction – James Jefferson, Principal Advisor, APSE Energy**

9:05 **Session One - Energy Management**

## Benefitting from BMS

- What we did to improve our outcomes
- Managing asset and energy data
- Our results and how we move forward

**Neil Grant, Senior Energy Officer, and David Thornton, Building Services Engineer, South Ayrshire Council**

## An online energy benchmarking tool

- The problem of managing energy use
- How our approach works
- Rubbish in, rubbish out – getting the data right

**Ronnie Macdonald, Energy Manager, and Steven McLaughlin, Energy Data Technician, Highland Council**

## Making energy add up for local authorities

- Where is the energy market going?
- Energy contracts - factors to consider
- Developments for local government

**Andrew Donald, Business Development Manager, Equity Energies**

*Audience question and answer session*

10:50 Break

11:15 **Session Two: Workshops**

## Workshop One

### Addressing rural transport

- Car clubs - how do they work?
- Public used and the grey fleet
- A Scottish experience

**Murray McAdam, Head of Business Rental (Scotland & NI), Enterprise Mobility**

## Workshop Two

### Capturing the wind

- Why is wind more attractive now?
- Location, location, location
- 5 things to consider for a wind project

**Stewart Forsyth, APSE Energy Associate and Wind Energy Industry Expert**

12:00 **Session Three - Buildings and Homes**

### Tackling Heritage Buildings

- Fabric first, energy efficiency to follow
- Decarbonising heating
- Learning from good examples

**Moses Jenkins, Senior Technical Officer, Historic Environment Scotland**

### Improving the Council's housing stock

- Asset management data, standards, comfort and emissions
- Identifying an appropriate retrofit standard – lessons from Renfrewshire
- The problems associated with innovation

**Mark Brown, Housing Asset & Energy Strategy Manager, Renfrewshire Council**

*Audience question and answer session*

13:25 Closing comments

## Speak to an APSE Energy Associate

There will be opportunities to chat with APSE Energy Associates Mike Keating, Alan Barber and Stewart Forsyth at the Summit to discuss the potential for future consultancy work with your authority.

**If you would like to arrange a time in advance, please send an email to:**

**[cburke@apse.org.uk](mailto:cburke@apse.org.uk)**



# Booking Information

## About the Event

The APSE Energy Summit 2025 is once again being held in Glasgow and the aim of the event is to ensure officers and councillors from local authorities have the chance to keep up to date with a vast agenda. Discussion sessions, speakers and partners will cover a range of issues and the informal element of the event means that delegates have the chance to discuss and debate even more amongst themselves. The Summit is a real chance to re-engage with the sector and catch up on what is happening across the climate change, energy and sustainability agenda in terms of government initiatives, case studies, good practice and market trends.

The issues raised in the Summit will be relevant to all councils across the UK and the content will support the APSE Energy vision of ensuring local authorities are as informed as they can be about policy, technologies and approaches as possible.

**For more information please visit [www.apse.org.uk](http://www.apse.org.uk)**

## Delegate Packages Exclusive of VAT

### What's included?

*The delegate fee covers attendance, delegates' documentation, lunches, dinner and light refreshments, as well as accommodation where relevant.*

### APSE Energy Member Authorities Receive 2 Free Places

APSE Energy Member Authorities first 2 places	<b>FREE</b>
APSE Energy Member Authorities additional places	<b>£285.00 + VAT</b>
APSE Member (but not a member of APSE Energy)	<b>£335.00 + VAT</b>
Commercial organisation	<b>£599.00 + VAT</b>

### Accommodation rates

Accommodation for the evening of Tuesday 21 October is included as part of the delegate place. Anyone who books accommodation but does not attend nor give notice of not attending, will be charged a fee equivalent to the cost of the room and meals.

Accommodation for the evening of Monday 20 October is charged at £165 + VAT.

**Click [here](#) to reserve your place on this event**

## Cancellations and no-shows:

**Any local authority officers or councillors who book on to this event but do not attend nor give notice of not attending, will be charged a fee equivalent to the cost borne by APSE. This is the delegate rate paid to the venue for accommodation, food and refreshments, i.e. £285.**

Reservation is a contract. Substitution of delegates is acceptable any time in writing by email to [iali@apse.org.uk](mailto:iali@apse.org.uk). Cancellations must be made in writing at least 10 working days before the event, and will incur a 20% administration fee. No refunds can be given for cancellations received less than 10 working days before the event or for non-attendance. In the unlikely event of cancellation by the organisers, liability will be restricted to the refund of fees paid. The organisers reserve the right to make changes to the programme, speakers or mode of delivery should this become necessary. If due to emergency action by UK Governments/Administrations or Public Agencies this event is postponed, for example for reasons of public health and safety, the organisers will transfer your booking to the replacement event or provide a credit voucher against a future event booking if a fee has been paid.

