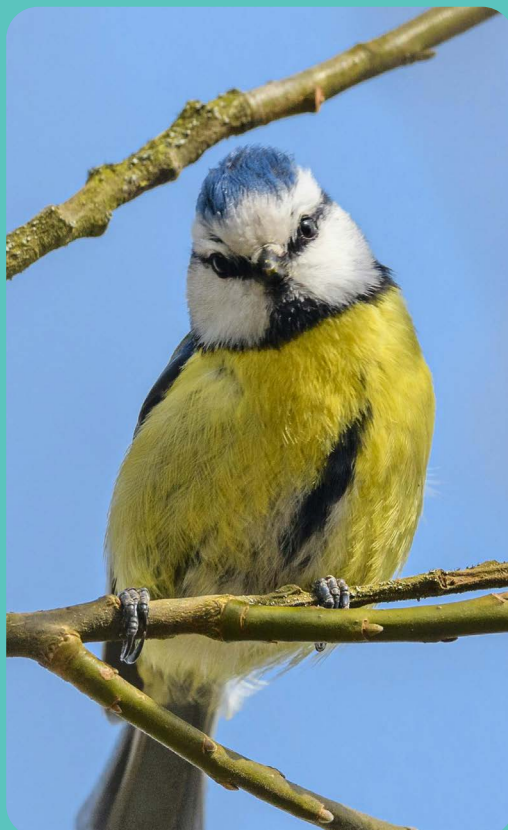


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# Cleaner Councils Greener Future

Incorporating APSE Northern Ireland's AGM



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members

**Tuesday 10 June**

Galgorm, Ballymena, BT42 1EA

# Programme

9:30 Registration and refreshments

## 10:00 Session One

**Welcome: Cllr Dermot Nicholl, Office Bearer Alternate, NILGA**

**Mid and East Antrim Borough Council – A CleanTech Hub for Northern Ireland**

- A Council developing CleanTech, Net Zero and Hydrogen projects with regional impact
- Working in partnership with industry to create a greener, cleaner future for the area
- The award winning Hydrogen Training Academy

**Connor O'Dornan, Net Zero and Innovations Delivery Manager, Mid and East Antrim Borough Council**

**From ambition to action: Derry City and Strabane's Sustainability and Climate Commission**

- Opportunities to embed sustainability
- Supporting the public sector and beyond
- Sustainable procurement

**Michele Murphy, Net Zero Innovation and Delivery Officer, Derry City and Strabane District Council**

**APSE Energy: Membership benefits and recent research**

- How does APSE Energy support our member authorities?
- Findings from our Utility Use and Management Survey;
- Solar farms: what we learnt when we spoke to members.

**James Jefferson, Principal Advisor, APSE Energy**

*Audience question and answer session*

11:20 Comfort Break

## 11:40 Session Two

**Supporting the transition to a Circular Economy in Northern Ireland**

- Introducing NIRN and the Circular Economy
- Current Council Activity: Reuse and Repair in Action
- Future Opportunities: Scaling Circular Impact

**Eimear Montague, Executive Director, Northern Ireland Resources Network**

**Having a net zero fleet by 2031**

- Background
- Achievement so far
- Future plans

**Andrew Mowat, Climate Change and Sustainable Development, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council**

**Decarbonisation and Flexibility through Rental and Technology**

- New vehicles without Capex
- Car Club Technology to share vehicles across organisations
- Capturing Grey Fleet (mileage reimbursement)

**Ben Thierry, Head of Public Sector Scotland and Northern Ireland at Enterprise Mobility**

*Audience question and answer session*

## 12:55 APSE Northern Ireland AGM

This short session provides an invaluable opportunity for APSE Northern Ireland to review its activities over the last year.

13:15 Lunch

## 14:05 Session Three

**New Invasive Species Theme Plan**

- Pollinator monitoring
- Ongoing research
- How councils can get involved

**John Kelly, Project Manager, National Biodiversity Data Centre**

**Newry, Mourne and Down Biodiversity Strategy 2024-2030**

- Biodiversity in Newry, Mourne and Down
- Successes to date
- Moving forward with implementing our new Strategy

**Danielle Begley, Biodiversity Officer, Newry Mourne and Down District Council**

**Plant One Million Trees**

- Background
- Challenges overcome
- Future goals

**Paul Mawhinney, Head of Parks, Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council**

*Audience question and answer session*

15:20 Seminar close

# About

## Discover how councils can drive sustainability in Northern Ireland

Join APSE for Cleaner Councils / Greener Councils, a seminar designed for Northern Ireland councils committed to driving sustainability and environmental leadership. This event – delivered alongside APSE Energy and FREE for APSE members – will explore key strategies for decarbonising assets, integrating renewable energy sources, enhancing biodiversity, and advancing circular economy initiatives. Through expert insights, practical case studies, and collaborative discussions, councils will gain the tools and inspiration to lead the way toward a cleaner, greener future.

The event will also incorporate the APSE Northern Ireland Annual General Meeting.

Don't miss this opportunity to shape a more sustainable Northern Ireland—reserve your place today!

Your free booking includes lunch and refreshments but does not include accommodation. For nearby hotels [click here](#).

## Venue information - Galgorm Hotel

Located in Ballymena, Galgorm Resort is easily accessible by road, train or bus.

**[Get directions with Google Maps](#)**



# Booking

## Packages Exclusive of VAT

APSE member delegate fee: **FREE**

Non member delegate fee: **£175+VAT**

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

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