

apse seminars

APSE Wales one day seminar 2016

The future for local government in Wales: Re-drawing the map



**Metropole Hotel, Llandrindod Wells
Friday 15 July 2016**

Also featuring the APSE wales annual general meeting

Friday 15 July 2016

10.00 Coffee and Registration

10.30 **Session 1 –The Strategic Context**

A Golden Opportunity to Transform The Way We Deliver Public Services

Speaker: Steve Thomas, Chief Executive of the Wales Local Government Association

Learning Lessons from the Past

- Local government reorganisation in Scotland and Northern Ireland
- Challenges and success – first hand experiences
- Lessons for future re-organisation in Wales

Speaker: Paul O'Brien, Chief Executive of APSE

APSE Research Report – What are the options for Local Government re-organisation?

- Findings from APSE Wales commissioned research on alternatives to current re-organisation proposals,
- Avoiding the pain of large-scale re-organisation whilst still delivering efficiencies
- Ensuring employee relations, governance and local democracy is protected.

Speaker: Alistair Jones Principal Lecturer (Politics & Public Policy) , De Montfort University Leicester

12.00 Coffee Break

12.15 **Session 2 – Delivering the Service**

The Cardiff City Deal Partnerships in Action

- Unlocking growth in Cardiff and the wider area
- The main partners and work streams
- Immediate tasks.

Speaker: to be confirmed

Income Generation from Sponsorship

- Developing A Sponsorship Offer
- Where could you find a new source of income?
- Understanding the marketplace you are dealing with
- What can you offer to prospective clients

Speaker: Chris Williams, Head of Commercial Services, City & County of Swansea

1.15 Buffet Lunch in the restaurant

2.00 **Session 3 – Workshops**

Workshop 1 - The transformation from a traditional Building Cleaning Service to a Cleansing Service

- Delivering School Service efficiencies in Powys and our journey
- Reducing the management team by 60%
- Looking at the different types of business delivered by our Cleansing Service

Speaker/Facilitator: Cheryl Leighton - Catering and Cleaning Development Manager, Powys Council

Workshop 2 - Streamlining Services To Create Holistic Street Scene Operations

- Developing a case to amalgamate highways and environmental services
- Changing the workforce culture and the move to multi-skilling
- Benefits and future ambitions

Speaker/Facilitator: Harvey Mitchell- Waste and Ancillary Services Manager, Flintshire County Council

15:00 Seminar close and departure

Seminar objectives

This seminar will consider the momentous changes facing Wales in the way local authorities will operate in the coming years. The justification for the proposals is that the current structures of local government in Wales are unsustainable, with local authorities duplicating and delivering the same services, and therefore only by merging authorities will savings and efficiencies be made.

However, there are wide-ranging concerns about losing the 'local' in local government if organisations become bigger. Reliance upon local authority services in Wales is considerable, with more people employed in the public sector than in any other part of the UK, therefore by reducing the number of local authorities and by association their workforce structures, this could have enormous impacts on communities, local businesses and families, as jobs and local markets are lost.

Speakers will look at how the current period of uncertainty could allow alternative options to whole-scale re-organisation to be considered, via greater partnership working and income generation etc.

Experiences of re-organisation in Scotland and Northern Ireland will also be discussed together with some of the lessons learnt. Consideration will also be given to the findings of a report developed from discussions with elected members and senior officers from across Wales carried out by APSE and De Montfort University Leicester about alternatives to mergers and the value of cross-sectoral working.

Workshops will also be held to allow more detailed discussions to take place as to how many of the strategic considerations can be delivered at the operational level.

This one day event hopes to highlight the opportunities which may still be available to local authorities in Wales to argue the case that they are capable of delivering the efficiencies and economies needed without major and costly re-organisation to take place.

Attendance at this APSE one-day event is essential for all officers and members with responsibility for delivering services or involved in policy and it is structured to allow plenty of time for debate and questions.

The events are always popular and usually sell out fast so please book early to avoid disappointment.

Who should attend?

- Chief executives and council leaders
- Service and area directors
- Senior managers and heads of service
- Front line service managers and officers
- Elected members
- Policy and development officers
- Legal services
- Finance services
- Trade union representatives

Reserve your place online now at www.apse.org.uk or complete the booking form on page 4 and send to Keisha Swaby by email, kswaby@apse.org.uk, or by fax to 0161 772 1810.

The Venue

Metropole Hotel

Temple Street, Llandrindod Wells, Powys, LD1 5DY

Tel: 01597 823 700

Email: info@metropole.co.uk



Booking form

Office Use

Del#.....

DB:.....

Conf:.....

APSE Wales seminar and AGM, Friday 15 July, The Metropole Hotel, Llandrindod Wells

main contact name: _____ authority: _____

address: _____

post code: _____

telephone: _____ fax: _____ email: _____

Please detail here any special dietary/access requirements for the delegates listed below:

APSE issues a written confirmation for all delegate bookings received. If you have not received your confirmation letter within 5 working days of sending your booking form, then please contact APSE on 0161 772 1810.

Payment information

What's included: The delegate place covers attendance, delegate documentation, lunch and light refreshments. Please note that hotel accommodation and travel costs are not included. A list of recommended hotels in the area is available on request.

APSE members delegate fee:- £79 + VAT

Non-members delegate fee:- £149 + VAT

Private sector delegate fee:- £360 + VAT

Please indicate preferred method of payment (tick):-

VAT registration number 519 286 915

- Please find enclosed cheque (made payable to APSE)
- Please invoice me

CANCELLATION & REFUND POLICY: Reservation is a contract. Substitution of delegates is acceptable any time in writing by post, email to kswaby@apse.org.uk or fax to 0161 772 1811. Cancellations must be made in writing at least 10 working days before the event, and will incur a 20% administration fee. 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 venue should this become necessary.

Delegate name	Delegate position	Delegate email

Please return completed form to Keisha Swaby, APSE, 2nd floor Washbrook House, Lancastrian Office Centre, Talbot Road, Old Trafford, Manchester M32 0FP or fax direct to: 0161 772 1811 Telephone: 0161 772 1810 - E-mail: kswaby@apse.org.uk