



APSE Northern Region Meeting and Annual General Meeting 2022

The Environment Act 2021 – How are its objectives being met in the North



Wednesday 22 June 2022

The Town Hall, South Shields, South Tyneside, Westoe Rd, South Shields, NE33 2RL

Programme

10:00 Session One

Just what does the Environment Act hope to achieve?

- A summary of the key points
- Key roles for local authorities

Wayne Priestley, APSE Principal Advisor

The Deposit Return Scheme – what it could mean for English Local Authorities.

- What is a deposit Return Scheme?
- The Scottish experience.
- Implications for an English Deposit Return Scheme

Mo Baines APSE Deputy Chief Executive

Taking an holistic approach to improving the environment of Middlesbrough

- Middlesbrough Council “Green Strategy”
- Collaboration (developing teams to meet the needs of Middlesbrough’s environment)
- Successes and future plans

Craig Coverdale, Environment Services Manager, Middlesbrough City Council

Audience question and answer session

11:15 Coffee break

11:45 Session Two

Managing council grasslands to increase biodiversity and address climate change.

- Why develop a grassland management strategy?
- Changing public perceptions that ‘tidy’ is best.
- What we have achieved and future plans.

Will Griffith Lancaster City Council

“Creating a Sustainable South Tyneside”

- Declaring a Climate Change Emergency
- Our Sustainable South Tyneside Strategy
- Our journey so far – covering our key innovative projects: Viking Energy Network, Hebburn Minewater and West Holborn Renewable Energy Network
- What’s next for South Tyneside

Mohsen Kohannejad – Construction and Technical Services Manager

Audience question and answer session

12:30 Annual General Meeting

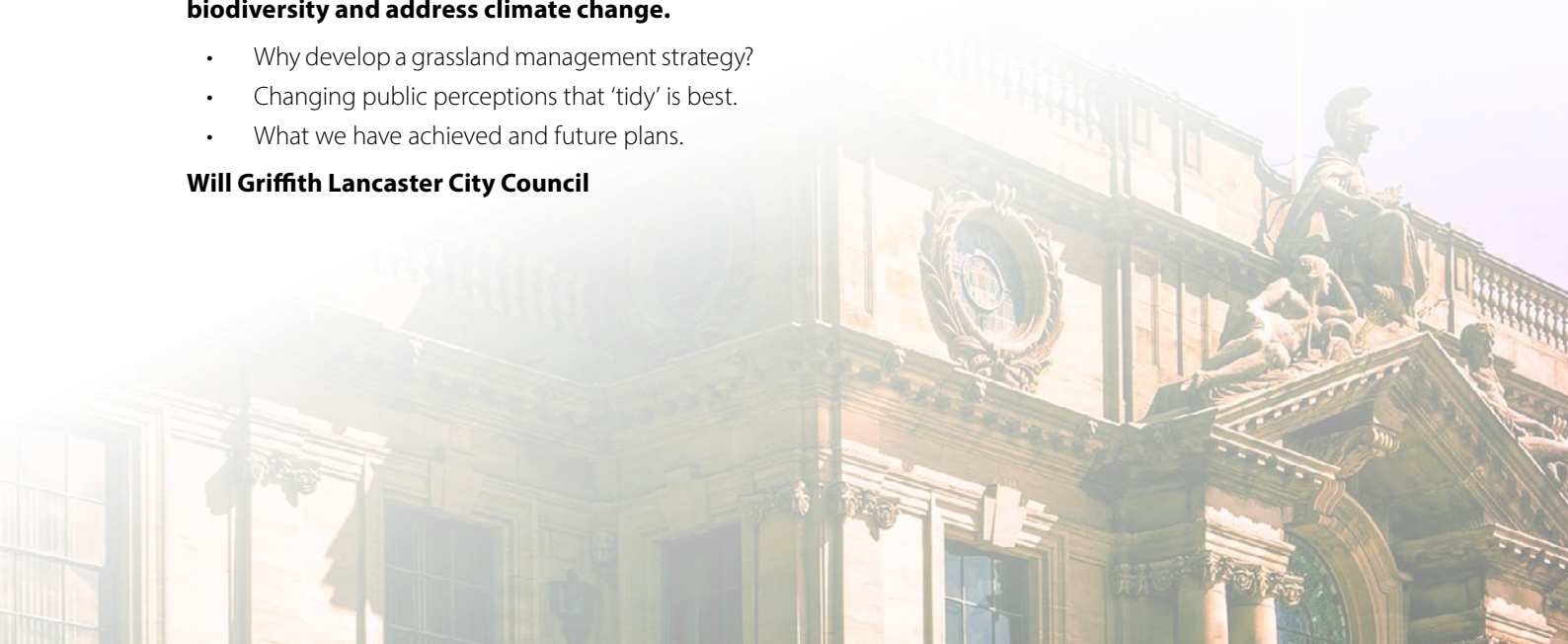
The APSE Northern Region AGM will be your opportunity to have your say in APSE Northern representation to our National Council and other important business.

The APSE Northern Region audited accounts statement will also be presented to the meeting and round-up of the year’s regional activity.

Please ensure your authority is represented at this meeting which is your chance to share in the governance of your APSE region.

13:00 Networking Lunch

An opportunity to meet with colleagues from other northern councils to discuss local government and reconnect after the long pandemic interlude.



Seminar Objectives

About the Seminar

This meeting is an ideal opportunity for officers, elected members and local authority partners and trade unions to hear how the aims and objectives of the Environment Act (2021) are being addressed by local authorities in the north of England.

The approaches highlighted are varied and cover the areas of waste, public realm, greenspaces, biodiversity and climate change.

We will be looking at how each of the presenting local authorities are responding to the challenges of the Act. Some are enhancing current service delivery, others are adopting fresh strategic approaches to existing assets, whilst others have adopted ground breaking and innovative technologies.

Deposit return schemes are already established in many countries where they are helping to tackle our throwaway culture and help protect our environment for generations to come. Although introduced in Scotland, England is yet to introduce such a scheme.

Delegates will hear about the detailed report APSE has published on the Scottish experience and the implications of introducing such a scheme in England.

Each of the presenters have an interesting and engaging story to tell, which means delegates will find a great deal of useful information to take away with them.

With many uncertainties facing local authorities, meetings such as this will help provide guidance and opportunities to speak with fellow colleagues about the challenges facing councils and hopefully ways in which solutions are being developed.

It is therefore the aim of the meeting to look to address how local authorities can go some way towards meeting the requirements of the Environment Act (2021), by hearing about the experiences of other local authorities and be presented with opportunities to ask questions about the implications of the Act and discover how local authority colleagues are dealing with these implications.

Who should attend?

- Officers who have a responsibility for waste and street cleansing services, parks and greenspaces, climate change and energy.
- Those with responsibility for delivering corporate strategies
- Officers who are involved in delivering behavioural change/communications programmes.
- Anyone with an interest in community engagement and partnership development
- Elected members and officers with responsibility for waste services.

This event is FREE for APSE Northern Region members.

Venue

**The Town Hall,
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Booking Information

Delegate Packages Exclusive of VAT

What's included?

The delegate fee covers attendance, delegates' documentation, lunches and light refreshments.

APSE member delegate fee:	£99 + VAT
Non member delegates fee:	£265 + VAT
Commercial delegates:	£375 + VAT

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