

APSE PARKS, GROUNDS, STREETS, SPORTS & LEISURE ADVISORY GROUP

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Briefings

- ▶ 14-01 Scottish Government Free School Meals
- ▶ 14-06 The Living Wage & Procurement
- ▶ 14-07 Commission on Public Service Governance and Delivery
- ▶ 14-09 HSE working at height
- ▶ 14-11 Street Cleansing state of the market
- ▶ 14-12 Consultation response Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill
- ▶ 14-14 Scottish Housing Conditions Survey
- ▶ 14-17 Better Eating Better Learning
- ▶ 14-18 Audit of modern apprentices in Scotland
- ▶ 14-23 Housing Scotland Bill
- ▶ 14-24 Beyond the School Gate
- ▶ 14-25 Performance Networks Environmental Health Pilot

Research

The ensuring council:

An alternative vision for the future of local government



Tackling youth unemployment:

Local authorities leading the response



Municipal entrepreneurship



Local authority

Innovative public services ahead

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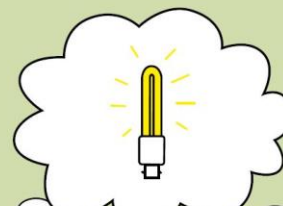
The Green Deal

ECO implications for local authorities



Innovation on the frontline:

How engagement with the local government workforce can improve service delivery in austere times



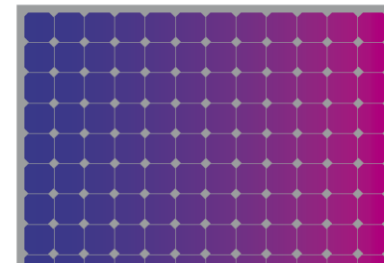
The transition to a green economy:

The vital role of the ensuring council



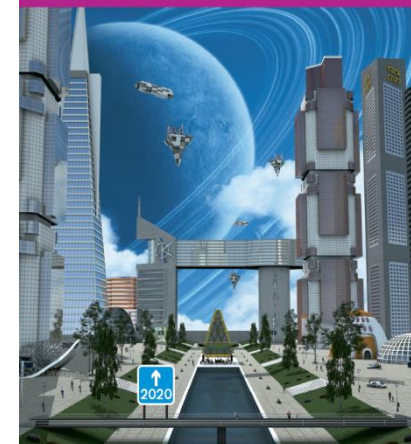
Powerful impacts:

Exploring the economic and social benefits of renewable energy schemes



The road to 2020

A manifesto for the Ensuring Council



Research Recently Completed (1)

Ensuring Health & Well-being: a self assessment tool for health & well-being boards

- APSE in association with De Montfort University (KTP) has produced an e-publication
- Produced to help health and well-being boards navigate their way through complex issues and find solutions that suit local circumstances
- sets out questions that consider the efficiency and effectiveness of partnerships and assess the different types of resources available to those involved

Research Recently Completed (2)

Local water: The challenge & the prize for the ensuring council as a steward of water

'Rather than looking at flooding in isolation, this publication demonstrates how responses to extreme weather can be considered alongside local government's role in ensuring the security of water supply and use. Maintaining core capacity to deliver services, rather than being caught up in contractual arrangements, can link councils' strategic and operational responsibilities and ensure flexibility in responding to severe weather. There is also a financial argument for local water stewardship – with every £1 spent on flood defence saving £8 dealing with damage from extreme weather, not to mention potential local economic benefits from sustainable water technology.'

Philip Monaghan of think-tank Infrangilis (Report author)

Research for 2014

- ▶ Future Role of Elected Members
 - ▶ Scotland only report to be produced
- ▶ Future of Local Government Finance
- ▶ Energy efficiency in houses in multiple occupation in private sector
- ▶ Operational management issues in waste & recycling

Advocacy

- ▶ Meeting with Scottish Government in relation to APSE Energy and the current work of the group
- ▶ Meeting with Improvement Service in relation to potential collaborative work with regards PN and the LGBF
- ▶ Launch of the Environmental Health Performance Networks pilot
- ▶ Meeting with Zero Waste Scotland on how we can develop APSE's current working relationship

Other areas of work (1)

- ▶ Focus group set up for elected members following Scottish AGM to meet and explore further questions with regards the recent elected member survey (meeting 26 Sept 2014)
- ▶ Working group set up within building & housing to look at the PN Scotland only report and develop/ enhance
- ▶ Re-launch of PN within Sports & Leisure services in Scotland
- ▶ Surveys undertaken in:-
 - Building & Housing IT systems
 - Non trade Apprenticeships
 - Janitorial and caretaking
 - Single use carrier bag regulations

Other areas of work (2)

▶ Land Audit Management System

- South Lanarkshire provided a training session in Manchester on 29 April for a number of English local authorities
- The following Councils agreed to participate in the pilot: Knowsley, Kirklees, Wakefield, Telford & Wrekin, Stafford, East Riding
- Scottish local authorities include South Lanarkshire, Perth & Kinross and Glasgow
- Any other local authorities interest in the pilot should contact the APSE team

▶ How the information is collated

- 3 rounds of data collection (June, August & October)
- Some Scottish local authorities may already be completing this therefore can feed into the APSE collection for a wider comparison
- APSE has produced a guidance manual which can be emailed along with the template & inspection sheet for completion

APSE Services

- ▶ Performance Networks
 - Deadline for full data checks mid September
 - Final deadline for performance reports mid October
 - Performance Networks seminar 4/5 December 2014
- ▶ APSE Solutions
 - Activity in Scotland including: City of Edinburgh & Clackmannanshire
- ▶ Training
 - Activity in Scotland including: Aberdeenshire, Aberdeen City, North Lanarkshire, Dundee, Dumfries & Galloway Orkney & West Lothian

Training Events

- ▶ CHAMPS2 Business Change Management – Glasgow 27/8/14
- ▶ Principles of Contract Management – Glasgow 26/9/14
- ▶ Asset management for parks & green spaces – Glasgow 1/10/14
- ▶ Awareness of drug and alcohol for managers & supervisors – Glasgow 2/10/14
- ▶ Supervisory skills for team leaders in frontline services – Glasgow 3/10/14
- ▶ Financial Management for Operational Managers – Glasgow 9/10/14
- ▶ Handling difficult conversations with frontline staff– Glasgow 14/10/14
- ▶ Managing Contractors Safely – Edinburgh 22/10/14
- ▶ Health & Safety in amenity services – Glasgow 10/11/14

Seminars / Conferences 2014

- ▶ Annual Seminar & Service Awards 2014
Nottingham 9/11 September
 - All service award finalists now confirmed
 - 14 Scottish local authorities shortlisted
 - Winners announced following the annual dinner on Thursday 11 September

- ▶ Annual Environmental Seminar 2014
November

Thank you for listening

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