

# APSE PARKS, GROUNDS & STREETS ADVISORY GROUP

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# Briefings

- ▶ 14-01 Scottish Government Free school meals P1-P3 pupils
- ▶ 14-02 Refuse state of the market survey 2013
- ▶ 14-03 APSE Response to the proposals for an Environment Bill in Wales
- ▶ 14-04 Changes to ECO and Green Deal
- ▶ 14-05 Housing & Welfare Update
- ▶ 14-06 The Living Wage & Procurement
- ▶ 14-07 Commission on Public Service Governance and Delivery
- ▶ 14-08 Guidance on Weekly Rubbish Collections
- ▶ Under way.... Response to consultation on Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill and Scottish House Conditions Survey 2012

# 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



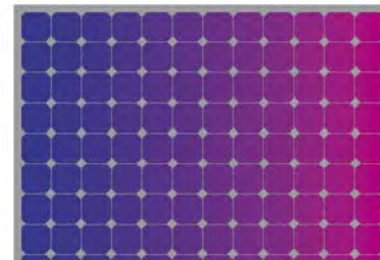
## The transition to a green economy:

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)

## The value of local authority assets to town centres

- Based on work for APSE by the Centre for Local Economic Strategies (CLES)
- Demonstrating the strategic, place-making, economic, social & environmental benefits local government assets bring to town centres
- Practical tools for measuring and maximising the potential of local authority assets

# Research Recently Completed (2)

## Innovation on the frontline

- Based on research in partnership with APSE & IPPR (Institute for Public Policy Research) North
- Exploring ways LA's can harness the best ideas of their workforce in order to use innovation to improve services
- It explores positive ways in which LA's can respond to austerity
- Two principles within report
  - Innovation not exclusive to private sector
  - Frontline employees have intimate knowledge that can help make services as effective as possible

# Research for 2014

- ▶ Future of Elected Members
- ▶ Future of Local Government Finance
- ▶ Energy efficiency in houses in multiple occupation in private sector
- ▶ Flooding
- ▶ The value of school meals to public health in Scotland
- ▶ Operational management issues in waste & recycling

# Advocacy

- ▶ MSPs and Lord participated at Scottish event in Peebles Hydro
- ▶ Representation at Scottish party conferences (beginning mid March)
- ▶ Provided evidence to CoSLA commission which is examining the future of local government including our recent publication The Road to 2020: A manifesto for the Ensuring Council (Dec 2013 & Feb 2014)
- ▶ Provided presentation to SOCOEHS in December with regards to the development of the Protective services PN benchmarking pilot
- ▶ Representation at the COSLA/ Improvement Service seminar in St Andrew's 13/14 March
- ▶ APSE/ASSIST joint conference on the Better Eating Better Learning Scottish Government programme to be held in March/ April

# APSE Services

- ▶ Performance Networks
  - Scotland only reports distributed to all
  - Scotland Protective service pilot progress
- ▶ APSE Solutions
  - Activity in Scotland including: West Lothian & Clackmannanshire
- ▶ Training
  - Activity in Scotland including: Aberdeenshire, Aberdeen City, North Lanarkshire, Dundee, Dumfries & Galloway Orkney & West Lothian



# Training Events

- ▶ Event Management 25/3/14 Edinburgh
- ▶ Driving at Work 26/3/14 Edinburgh
- ▶ Supervisory skills for team leaders in frontline services 28/3/14 Edinburgh
- ▶ Identifying damp, timber mould and structural problems 1/4/14 Glasgow
- ▶ Sharps awareness for frontline staff 25/4/14 Glasgow
- ▶ Customer service skills frontline staff 14/5/14 Glasgow

# APSE Energy

The goal of this collaboration is to deliver the local municipalisation of energy services and in doing so:

- address social objectives and deliver community benefits, such as a reduction in fuel poverty and increases in jobs and skills
- save money and make money for local authorities to safeguard local services

The vision and goals shows that a wider view of energy is being considered and its link to Council services at local level. The benefits of the achieving the vision include:

- Localised energy supplies increasing energy security and resilience to energy price fluctuations
- Achieving energy decarbonisation goals
- Resolution of social issues associated with energy costs such as fuel poverty
- Local economic benefit via income generation and increase in jobs and skills within the green energy sector
- Turning local authority energy, carbon and renewables targets into delivery

# Seminars / Conferences 2014

- ▶ National Roads, Street Lighting & Winter Maintenance  
6/7 Mar
- ▶ Scottish APSE/ ASSIST Conference on Better Eating  
Better Learning Mar/ Apr
- ▶ Scottish Fleet, Waste & Grounds seminar Aviemore  
6/9 May

Thank you for listening

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