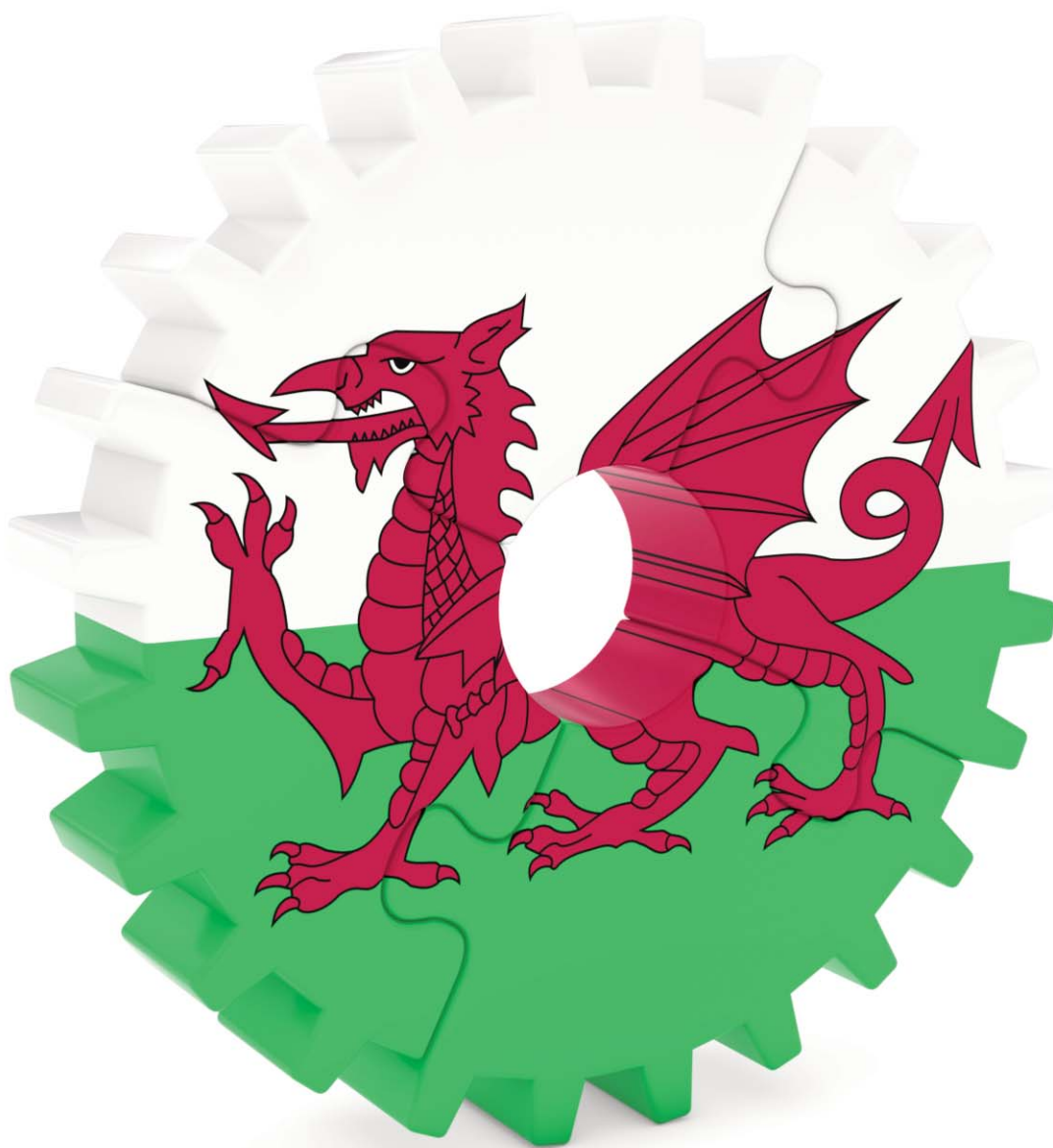


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# **When Dragons Collaborate**

Looking at the mutual benefits for local authorities of working together



**Metropole Hotel, Llandrindod Wells  
Wednesday 28 June 2017**

***Also featuring the APSE Wales Annual General Meeting***

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10:00 Coffee and Registration

## 10:30 **Session 1 –The Strategic Context**

### **Future for Local Government in Wales**

- After reorganisation where now?
  - Funding outlook and its implications
  - WLGA view on shared services and collaboration
- Speaker:** Steve Thomas, Chief Executive & Director of Resources, Welsh Local Government Association

### **Collaborative Options**

Developing a route map through legal pitfalls in collaborative arrangements:

- Facilitate Vision and Leadership
- Demystify constraints and highlight opportunities by identifying the options and the legal requirements associated with them
- Simplify implementation through effective planning and decision taking

**Speaker:** Clare Hardy, Senior Associate, Geldards LLP

11:30 Coffee Break

## 11:45 **Session 2 – Collaboration in practice**

### **Shared Regulatory Services (SRS)**

- Use of a joint committee to deliver a shared service
- Efficient delivery of Trading Standards, Environmental Health and Licensing
- SRS as a Primary Authority Partner

**Speaker:** Christina Hill, Operational Manager Shared Regulatory Services, Bridgend, Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan

### **Educational support services to schools**

- Use of a jointly owned company to deliver services in North Wales
- Trading multiple services outside traditional Council boundaries
- 21 years on, secrets of survival and success

**Speaker:** Cllr Ieuan Williams, Chief Executive, Cynnal

### **Adverse Childhood Experiences – Flintshire’s new collaborative approach**

- Why do things differently? What is the catalyst?
- What we are aiming to achieve
- How did partners work together / or not!
- Challenges, tips and lessons learned.

**Speaker:** Craig Macleod, Senior Manager, Children and Workforce, Flintshire County Council and Ann Roberts, Senior Manager, Integrated Youth Provision

## 13:00 **APSE Wales annual general meeting**

13:15 Buffet Lunch in the restaurant

## 14:00 **Session 3 – Workshop**

### **Workshop Collaboration & Income generation**

- Case studies from Wales and across the UK
- **Environmental services, Housing and Fleet**
- Income generation opportunities
- The power of general competence

**Facilitator:** Rob Bailey, Principal Advisor, APSE

15:00 Seminar close and departure

## Seminar objectives

In January 2017, The Welsh Government released the White Paper 'Reforming Local Government: Resilient and Renewed'. This paper charted a new path for Welsh Local Government, one that sought local authorities to collaborate and share services. There were hints of statutory collaboration, regional working and areas boards, but with many questions left unanswered on governance of the new structures and an over-emphasis on the benefit of yet untested shared services within the Health Service.

This seminar looks at some of those local authorities who have taken the initiative themselves to seek mutual benefits and savings through collaboration. APSE research found little merit and few savings from in merging councils, but we do find that opportunities exist for Local authorities to raise revenue and spread costs through trading and charging and where advantageous, collaboration and sharing of staff and assets to deliver front-line services.

Each speaker will provide a case study on their reasons for collaboration, the legal form that took and the cultural and financial obstacles that had to be overcome to realise the goal.

APSE hope all Welsh Authorities take the opportunity of attending to explore what collaboration might offer them through the first-hand accounts of those who have found successful solutions.

## 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



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