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APSE Energy workshop with OVO energy

Decentralised energy: An opportunity for councils

Free event for members of APSE Energy, taking place at **The Hospitium, York Museum Gardens** on **26 June 2014**



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9.30 a.m. arrival and coffee

Chair: Mick Lovatt, Corporate Director of Environment, Preston City Council

10.00 a.m.

Introduction

- What do we mean by Municipalisation of Energy?
- The ambition for local government
- The role of APSE Energy

Speaker: Mark Bramah, Assistant Chief Executive, APSE

10.10 a.m.

Shifting the balance – The future for decentralised energy

- OVO's vision for community energy – decentralisation and distribution
- Becoming an energy services provider – Cutting out the middleman
- Working in partnership – Opportunities for local authorities

Speaker: Andrew Mack, Head of Strategy at OVO Energy

11.00 a.m.

Implementation and delivery – How should local authorities respond?

- What are the barriers and how can they be overcome?
- DIY or partnership?
- The role of an ESCO

Speaker: John Harrison, Executive Director of Resources, Peterborough City Council

11.30 a.m. Refreshments

11.45 a.m.

Group discussion

- Aggregating supply and accessing the market
- Becoming a retailer – licence lite
- Back office and billing – Do you want the hassle?
- Community energy and local authorities

12.30 p.m.

Feedback and conclusions

- Issues and actions
- Working with OVO
- Next steps

1.00 pm Lunch and departure

Aims and objectives:

We used to understand what kind of entity an 'energy company' was. Whether that was a nationalised or privatised utility. But this definition is increasingly coming under scrutiny as energy companies diversify and new entrants to the market emerge.

The recent investigation and referral by OFGEM of the energy market to the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) called into question the vertical integration of the industry and barriers to entry and expansion.

Ovo Energy in its recent white paper on community energy aims to speed up this change of profile in the UK; offering a new platform for councils, community groups and housing associations to sell energy to local people. The company has suggested that 500 new energy suppliers could be doing business in the UK by 2020.

Local authorities have already seen the potential, with Councils such as Glasgow and Nottingham announcing plans to become energy providers with the aim of helping residents worried about energy costs.

The workshop with Andrew Mack, the Head of Strategy at OVO Energy and John Harrison, Executive Director of Resources at Peterborough City Council will provide an excellent opportunity for members of APSE Energy and other local authorities to consider the issues involved and explore the potential for local government to become directly involved with and on behalf of communities in the generation, distribution and supply of energy.

The Venue

The Hospitium

Museum Gardens, Museum St, York, North Yorkshire YO1 7FR



The Hospitium

Yorkshire Museum and Gardens are next to Lendal Bridge, the main river bridge between York Railway Station and York Minster.

It takes 10 to 15 minutes to walk from York Railway Station and there are entrances into the gardens from both Museum Street and Marygate.

The nearest car park is on Marygate, which is five minutes' walk and has 350 spaces. Marygate is off Bootham, the A19, which is the main road into York from the north. For more car parking information go to <http://www.yorklive.info/>

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Payment information

This event is FREE to attend for members of APSE energy. This includes a full delegate place and information, arrival coffee and registration, mid-morning break and lunch. The workshop will allow delegates to network over lunch.

Members of APSE energy: - Free to attend

Non members: £100+VAT

Please indicate preferred method of payment (tick):-

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