

APSE Waste and Recycling Advisory Group

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Briefings

- 19-01 Waste and Resources Strategy for England Government Policy Paper
- 18-48 Bulky Waste Collection Services
- 18-32 State of the Market 2018 – Refuse
- 18-21 Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse (Scotland) 2018
- 18-19 Litter Management on the Trunk Road Network

Research

Bringing order to chaos
How does local government hold to account agencies delivering public services?



ECO funding for local authorities
A simple guide to the Government's ECO scheme



Energy across the authority
How local authorities are using assets to develop the energy agenda



Doing local politics: supplementary report
Centre and locality in Scottish politics
A report by APSE Scotland



Taking a commercial approach
A guide for local councils in Scotland to income generation, trading and charging



The new municipalism
Taking back entrepreneurship



Hollowed out
The impact of financial localisation on neighbourhood services



Risk and commercialisation
A guide for local scrutiny councillors



Latest Research (1)

Risk and commercialisation: A guide for local scrutiny councillors

This report by APSE and the Centre for Public Scrutiny (CfPS) discusses the ways in which scrutiny can engage with issues arising from commercial activity. The report explores the current landscape around commercialisation, and provides a toolkit and guide for councils to help build their own bespoke, locally-relevant governance and scrutiny systems for commercial activity.

The guide suggests that effective use of scrutiny provides five principal elements which support commercialisation activity: helping to drive forward cultural transformation (further work on the cultural dynamics of change); helping to make judgments about the rationale underpinning commercial activity; a focus on risks; Oversight of governance itself – executive side management systems and the relationships between partners; oversight of performance monitoring (rather than performance monitoring itself, which will largely be managed by traditional means, and within contract).

A [free PDF](#) is available on the APSE website.



Risk and commercialisation

A guide for local scrutiny councillors



Latest Research (2)

Hollowed out: The impact of financial localisation on neighbourhood services

A new report by APSE and the New Policy Institute (NPI) considers the prospects for the 'neighbourhood services' provided by local government. Neighbourhood services are mainly those provided by local government apart from social care and education, that is: highways and transportation; environmental and regulatory service; cultural and related services; and planning and development. Our last report showed that neighbourhood services had been the hardest hit of all local government services since 2010 with the most deprived areas, on average, hit the hardest.

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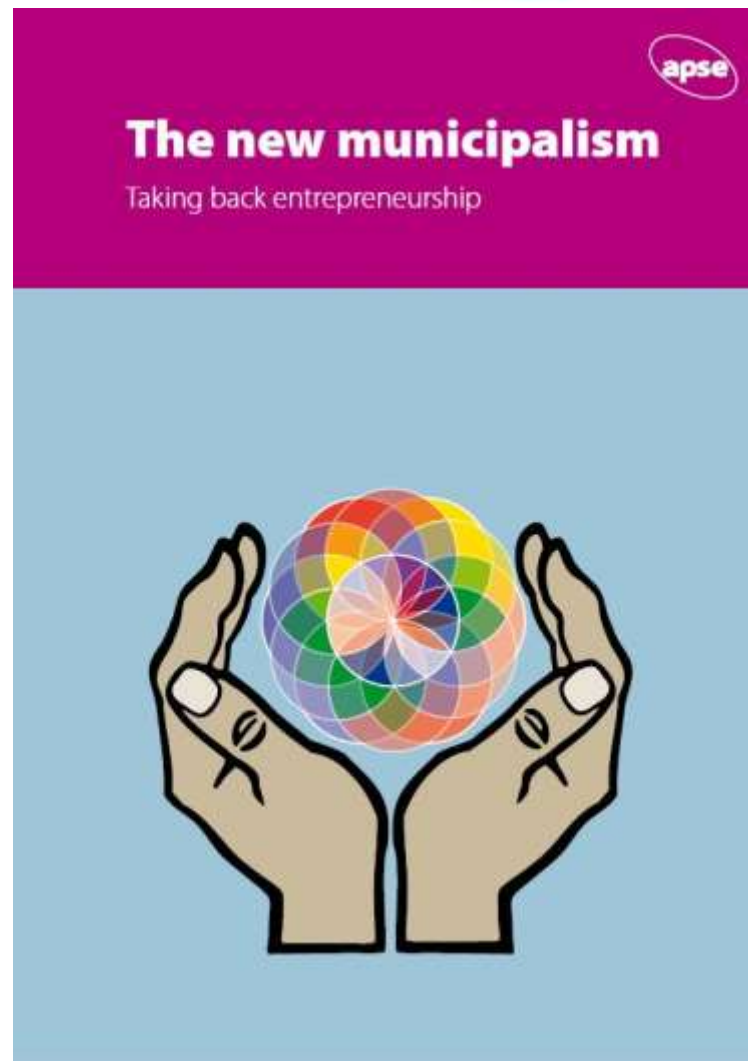


Latest Research (3)

The new municipalism: Taking back entrepreneurship

APSE's latest research examines the initiatives and the emerging practices of municipal entrepreneurialism. This report explores genuinely innovative ways of working to demonstrate how local authorities are intervening in markets to deliver outcomes that go beyond financial benefits. Complete with case studies this report is a robust source of information for all those in local government who wish to develop an entrepreneurial approach to support both frontline services and the communities and local economies in which they are based.

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Research themes

Housing	Town and County Planning Association (TCPA)
The changing role of senior officers	Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA)
Commercialisation and risk management a governance guide	Centre for Public Scrutiny (CfPS)
Selling services to schools	Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy Property (CIPFA Property)
Governance and democracy	

Future Communities: Greener, Cleaner, Smarter

Available online now at www.apse.org.uk – [click here to watch](#)

APSE and ITN Productions have produced another news and long-form current affairs-style programme highlighting **APSE's** vision to encourage healthy, environmentally friendly and smart solutions for local communities. '**Future Communities: Greener, Cleaner, Smarter**' focuses on how these elements together can improve the living and working environments for the local population.



FUTURE COMMUNITIES:
GREENER, CLEANER,
SMARTER

Advocacy

- APSE Representative on the Executive Committee of Scottish Waste Industry Training, Competency and Health & Safety forum (SWITCH)
- Steering Group for Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse – Zero Waste Scotland/Scottish Government
(Also hosting the Litter Managers Network meetings)
- Chief Executive is a member of the DCLG Parks Action Group
- APSE is the secretariat to the All Party Parliamentary Group for School Food
- APSE Representatives on the Scottish Government Nursery Milk Scheme Short-Term Working Group
- Continued representation at Party Political Conferences
- Continuing to strengthen relationships with other organisations
- Recent BBC Radio interviews with senior members of staff
- **Segment on BBC's Countryfile on the Parks State of the Market**

Network Queries

- Our network queries service allows you to ask your peers in other Councils questions and receive information and advice.
- Queries are sent out via e-mail anonymously and any member is eligible to use this service.
- Responses are typically collated within a month.
- If you would like to send out a query, please contact Louise at Lmelville@apse.org.uk or call 01698 459051.

Example

RSC1027 – Litter bins being used incorrectly

A member authority is wishing to know whether any other local authorities have an issue with either commercial waste, or household waste in litter bins (black bags or carrier bags of waste originating from a home rather than on the go waste). If so how do you deal with this and is there any enforcement action?

Performance Networks

- Year 20 Submission deadlines – Final date for return of data collection template or for updates and amendments: Second batch submission deadline – January 31st 2019 (all service areas)
- Updated web portal - The web portal is being updated which will include individual log-ins rather than authority-wide log-ins. This will enable more reports and analysis to be uploaded onto the web with customised information such as forthcoming deadlines and dates for benchmarking meetings relevant to that particular service area. This is currently being piloted and will be rolled out during spring.
- New database - APSE continues to work with CAMMS to develop a new database for performance networks to make it easier to report and analyse data and to build a platform for future web-enabled services.

APSE Energy

www.apse.org.uk

- Now have 82 local authority members (17 in Scotland)

(Aberdeen, Angus, Clackmannanshire, Dumfries and Galloway, East Ayrshire, East Dunbartonshire, East Lothian, Falkirk, Fife, Glasgow, Highland, Midlothian, North Ayrshire, Orkney, Shetland, South Ayrshire, West Lothian)

- Upcoming events

New approaches to Energy and housing, 8th February, Nottingham

District Heating Seminar, 26th & 27th, Nottingham

The Big Energy Summit, 14th & 15th March, Warwick

- Energy consultancy is available with a preferential rate for members of APSE and APSE Energy. Contact Phil at 07796 301502 or by e-mail at pbrennan@apse.org.uk



Solutions

- Solutions can provide consultancy support across the full range of council services, but in particular front line services.
- Solutions can provide help and expertise within a number of areas, the main ones including:-
 - Efficient use of resources
 - Income generation
 - Demand side measures
- Branching out across the Interim Management side, with several new Associates now joining, specialists in Roads & Highways, Bereavement Services, Building Maintenance, Facilities & Leisure and Parks and Open Spaces. For any Interim requirements, please contact Emma Taylor, Client Coordination Officer - 0161 722 1810 or etaylor@apse.org.uk

Training Events in Scotland

Managing Catering Events	04/03/2019	Glasgow	More Info
Health and Safety in Waste and Environmental Services (for managers and supervisors)	06/03/2019	Glasgow	More info
Project Management in Local Government	11/03/2019	Glasgow	More info
ICCM – The Bereavement Journey	12/03/2019	Glasgow	More info
Leading Safely (Safety for Senior Executives)	18/03/2019	Glasgow	More info
Managing Conflict	22/03/2019	Glasgow	More info
Health & Safety – Working on Highways and Verges	25/03/2019	Glasgow	More info
Role of the Facilities Manager	29/03/2019	Glasgow	More info

Courses can also be delivered in-house for up to 25 staff.

Contact Jan Kennedy for more information at jkennedy@apse.org.uk / 0161 772 1810

Seminars

Scottish Building and Housing seminar	Dunblane, 7 and 8 February 2019	More info
Southern Property and Workspace seminar	London, 12 February 2019	More info
Street Cleansing seminar	Coventry, 13 February 2019	More info
Parks seminar	Liverpool, 14 March 2019	More info
The Big Energy Summit 2019	Warwick, 14 and 15 March 2019	More info
Highways seminar	Blackpool, 20 and 21 March 2019	Info coming soon
Cemeteries seminar	Birmingham, 19 April 2019	Info coming soon
Scottish Fleet, Waste and Grounds seminar	Aviemore, 14 to 17 May 2019	Info coming soon
APSE Annual Seminar 2019	Newcastle, 11 to 12 September 2019	Info coming soon

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