

# APSE Parks, Grounds & Streets Advisory Group


1 March 2017

- 17-08 Why recycling contamination in materials collected for recycling is becoming more critical
- 17-04 Developing a successful 'binrastructure' – litter bin policies, strategies and procedures
- 17-03 Local government in Scotland – Financial overview 2015/16 (Accounts Commission)
- 16-60 Trend analysis 2015/16: Parks, open spaces & horticultural services
- 16-57 Scottish House Condition Survey 2015: Key Findings
- 16-54 Trend analysis 2015/16: Cemeteries and crematoria
- 16-53 Trend analysis 2015/16: Street cleansing

# Research

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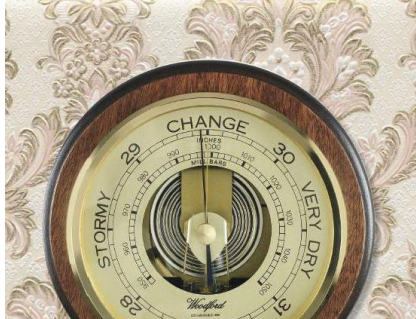
**APSE Scotland**  
*Solar PV Toolkit*  
*Suitable for roof and ground-mounted projects*



**The final piece of the jigsaw**  
Elected members, everyday politics and local democracy in Scotland




**Sustainable local government finance and liveable local areas**  
Can we survive to 2020?



**Homes for all**  
Ensuring councils can deliver the homes we need




**Working at the frontline of austerity**  
The Ensuring Council and Workforce Planning




**The engine of the council?**  
Evaluating frontline productivity in local government



**Work it out**  
Creating Local Systems of Employability Support



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**Neighbourhood services poll**  
Suration on behalf of APSE



# Latest Research (1)

## Neighbourhood services poll Survation on behalf of APSE

The survey found that the vast majority of the public want to see more of their taxes spent in the local area. Local refuse and recycling services are valued the most by the public out of all council services, but people also ranked support for other council services, like school meals, local council leisure facilities such as swimming pools, gyms and playing fields and parks. However, APSE warns that the public are now starting to see the impact of austerity, with a sizeable chunk of survey respondents reporting a decline in their local services, with the majority of councils just about managing to keep much-valued local services going.



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# Latest Research (2)

## Work it out: Creating Local Systems of Employability Support

Councils have already started to develop their own innovative responses to the challenge of employability. However, as the Work and Health Programme comes into operation, there is a danger of missed opportunities, and councils could offer much more if given the tools and incentives to do so. In fact, with the right support, local authorities could start to form the new frontline for employability support in a way that is far more efficient and locally-sensitive than national programmes. This collaborative report from APSE and NLGN scrutinises the current place of local authorities in tackling unemployment.



## Work it out

Creating Local Systems of Employability Support



# Promoting Excellence

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**Partnering with ITN Productions, APSE has produced an hour-long programme for our YouTube channel**

The programme keenly examines the role that local authorities play in building sustainable communities. Drawing upon ITN's 60-year heritage and expertise in storytelling, 'Promoting Excellence' aims to create a greater understanding of the processes, problems and solutions within a large number of frontline services.



# 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
- New study on officers, elected members and community groups underway. (University of Edinburgh / De Montfort University)
- Continued representation at Party Political Conferences
- Continuing to respond to Scottish Government consultations
- Continuing to strengthen relationships with other organisations

# 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](mailto:Lmelville@apse.org.uk) or call 01698 459051.



# APSE Energy

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- Now have 65 local authority members (14 in Scotland)
- APSE Energy partners with Robin Hood Energy
- Upcoming event – ‘Underground water a resource for local energy’ 9 March, Cardiff.
- The Big Energy Summit 2017 – 16/17 March, Warwickshire
- APSE Energy consultancy support is available – Contact [pbrennan@apse.org.uk](mailto:pbrennan@apse.org.uk) / 0161 772 1810

# 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](mailto:etaylor@apse.org.uk)

# Training Events

<b>Marketing your local authority to business customers</b>	<b>08/03/2017</b>	<b>Glasgow</b>
<b>Leadership &amp; Management Skills</b>	<b>27/03/2017</b>	<b>Glasgow</b>
<b>Project Management in Local Government</b>	<b>07/04/2017</b>	<b>Glasgow</b>
<b>Principals of contract management</b>	<b>24/04/2017</b>	<b>Glasgow</b>
<b>Integrated Resilience</b>	<b>26/04/2017</b>	<b>Glasgow</b>
<b>Handling Difficult Conversations</b>	<b>10/05/2017</b>	<b>Glasgow</b>
<b>Developing &amp; Managing Service Level Agreements</b>	<b>23/05/2017</b>	<b>Glasgow</b>
<b>Using Volunteers? What local Authorities Need To Know</b>	<b>24/05/2017</b>	<b>Glasgow</b>
<b>Supervisory skills for team leaders in frontline services</b>	<b>12/06/2017</b>	<b>Glasgow</b>

# Seminars

<b>Leisure Seminar</b>	<b>Manchester, 9 March 2017</b>
<b>Highways, Street Lighting and Winter Maintenance Seminar</b>	<b>Blackpool, 9 and 10 March 2017</b>
<b>Parks Seminar</b>	<b>Cheshire, 15 March 2017</b>
<b>The Big Energy Summit</b>	<b>Warwickshire, 16 and 17 March 2017</b>
<b>Homes For All: From Local Housing Companies to Joint Ventures</b>	<b>London, 23 March 2017</b>
<b>APSE Scotland Fleet, Waste &amp; Grounds Seminar</b>	<b>Aviemore, 23 and 26 May 2017</b>

# Striving for Excellence Awards

- Awards for innovative local authority projects across 3 categories. The submission is a maximum of 3 sides of A4.
  - Waste and Recycling
  - **Parks, Grounds and Streetscene**
  - Fleet
- All finalists receive a **FREE PLACE** at the APSE Scotland Fleet, Waste and Grounds seminar for 3 nights with accommodation
- Notifications of interest due by 17 March

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