

## APSE SOFT FM ADVISORY GROUP 11 NOVEMBER 2014

## Briefings

- 14-01 Scottish Government Free School Meals
- 14-12 Consultation response Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill
- 14-14 Scottish Housing Conditions Survey
- 14-17 Better Eating Better Learning
- 14-18 Audit of modern apprentices in Scotland
- 14-21 Universal infant free school meals
- 14-23 Housing Scotland Bill

- 14-24 Beyond the School Gate
- 14-25 Performance Networks Environmental Health Pilot
- 14-27 State of the market Building Cleaning
- 14-30 Reducing Fire Risk at Waste Management Sites
- 14-31 Food information regulations 2014 Allergen Labelling
- 14-32 The Scottish Manual Handling Passport Scheme
- 14-35 Becoming a good food nation
- 14-38 Consultation Housing (Scotland) Act 2014 Section 28



### Research



#### The ensuring council: 🏾 🍳

An alternative vision for the future of local government



#### ENSURING HEALTH AND (405) WELLBEING A self-assessment tool for health and

wellbeing boards



Local Water The challenge and the prize for the ensuring council as a steward of water

#### Innovation on the frontline:

How engagement with the local government workforce can improve service delivery in austere times



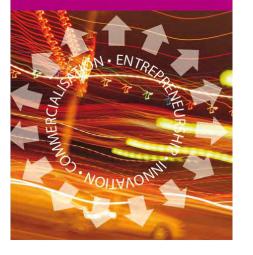
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Ensuring Collaboration:

The role and value of local authority assets in town centres



**Ensuring change:** Building capacity in local government









## **Research Recently Completed (1)**

#### Better business: Councils shaping markets for public value

- Commission by APSE and written by New Local Government Network (NLGN)
- The report provides a range of positive recommendations to enable councils to nudge or 'budge' business towards more socially responsible products and business practices.
- This report will be of great interest to those with a role in public policy and service delivery and will act as a useful guide in exploring what councils could do to better influence local markets.

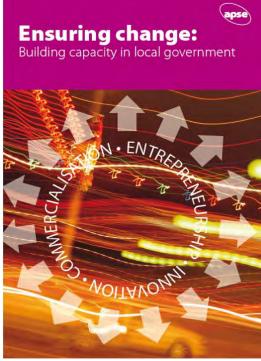
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# **Research Recently Completed (2)**

#### **Ensuring Change: Building capacity in local government**

- APSE in association with Public Intelligence produced this research
- Shows local authorities are imbued with an ethos of stewardship, municipal entrepreneurialism and maintaining core capacity to meet local needs
- Explores how authorities have embraced entrepreneurialism, innovation and commercialisation as the principles driving their strategic choices, service design and front-line practices.





### Research for 2014/15

- Future Role of Elected Members (Nov)
  - Scotland only report produced
- Waste: A Brave New World (Nov)
- The Value of School Meals to Public Health (Nov)
- Future of Local Government Finance (Dec)

Potential research topics including:-

- Welfare Reform
- Climate Change
- Public Health
- Housing





- APSE Energy Scottish parliamentary launch on 27 November in Edinburgh
- Working with NHS Scotland & Scottish Government on the evaluation of the free school meals implementation
- Scottish Government consultations including the Housing (Scotland) Act 2014 – Section 28
- Attending Scottish Party Political Conferences

### **APSE Services (1)**

- Performance Networks
  - All error checking sessions now complete
  - Validations under way for the 2014 awards
  - Number of new Scotland reports including Environmental Health
  - Number of changes to current reports including the introduction of new tables and graphs
  - Places still available for the Performance Networks conference in Blackpool on 4/5 December

### **APSE Services (2)**

#### APSE Solutions

- Activity in Scotland including: City of Edinburgh, North Ayrshire, West Dunbartonshire as well as live queries from West Lothian and NHS Health Scotland

#### Training

- Activity in Scotland including: Aberdeenshire, Aberdeen City, Dumfries & Galloway, West Lothian as well as up & coming work in East Lothian

### **Training Events**

- Controlling Food Costs Glasgow 21/11/14
- CHAMPS2 Business change management Edinburgh 11/12/14
- Awareness of Drugs & Alcohol for managers and supervisors – Glasgow 9/1/15
- Managing contractors Safety Masterclass Glasgow 30/01/15
- Principle s of contract management Glasgow 6/2/15



### Seminars / Conferences 2014/15

- APSE Environmental Services Seminar 2014 Stratford 11/12 November
- APSE Performance Networks Seminar 2014 Blackpool 4/5 December
- APSE Scotland Building, Housing & Renewables
  Seminar 2015 Dunblane Hydro 12/13 February





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