

APSE Waste and Recycling Advisory Group


15 September 2017

- 17-35 Electoral reform in local government in Wales - consultation
- 17-34 Air quality plan for nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) in UK 2017
- 17-33 European Court of Justice – VAT exemption on leisure
- 17-32 Scottish Government – Raising Standards and Improving the Quality of Road Works in Scotland consultation
- 17-31 State of the Market 2017 – Cleaning Services
- 17-30 Updating of the School Premises (General Requirements and Standards) (Scotland) Regulations 1967 consultation
- 17-29 State of the Market 2017 - Local Authority Catering Services
- 17-28 Climate Change Act consultation
- 17-27 Socio-Economic Duty consultation
- 17-26 EU Truck Cartel update
- 17-25 Running Free – Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) consultation on preserving the free use of public parks


Research

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Work it out
Creating Local Systems of Employability Support




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Neighbourhood services poll
Suration on behalf of APSE



Redefining neighbourhoods:
A future beyond austerity?



Building homes, creating communities
Ensuring councils provide innovative solutions to meeting housing need



Bricks-Mortar-Money
Property investment as a potential means of securing an additional and sustainable source of revenue



Doing local politics in Scotland
Councillors, officers and communities



Accountability and scrutiny
The issues for local government in a changing political environment



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GOVERNING IN AND AGAINST AUSTERITY: INTERNATIONAL LESSONS FROM EIGHT CITIES



Professor Jonathan S. Davies
Director - Centre for Urban Research on Austerity
De Montfort University, Leicester, UK

Latest Research (1)

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Governing in and against austerity: International lessons from eight cities

This international research study conducted as a collaborative approach led by De Montfort University explores responses to austerity in leading European Cities analysing responses and the impact of austerity policies at a municipal level.

Paul O'Brien, APSE's Chief Executive, was a member of the project team, which is comprised of an international consortium of investigators and research assistants, representing eight countries and ten institutions.

A free PDF is available on the APSE website.



GOVERNING IN AND AGAINST AUSTERITY: INTERNATIONAL LESSONS FROM EIGHT CITIES



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Latest Research (2)

Accountability and scrutiny – the issues for local government in a changing political environment

As the shape of public services and institutions evolve, and in times of economic uncertain and major changes like Brexit, the responsiveness of local public services will be critical. The public have a right to know how major decisions are made, what might be expected in terms of outcomes, and how public services can work to improve lives and places.

This report by APSE and the Centre for Public Scrutiny (CfPS) examines the role of good governance and scrutiny, highlighting how this is critical to the local government decision-making process.

Accountability and scrutiny

The issues for local government in a changing political environment



Latest Research (3)

Doing local politics in Scotland

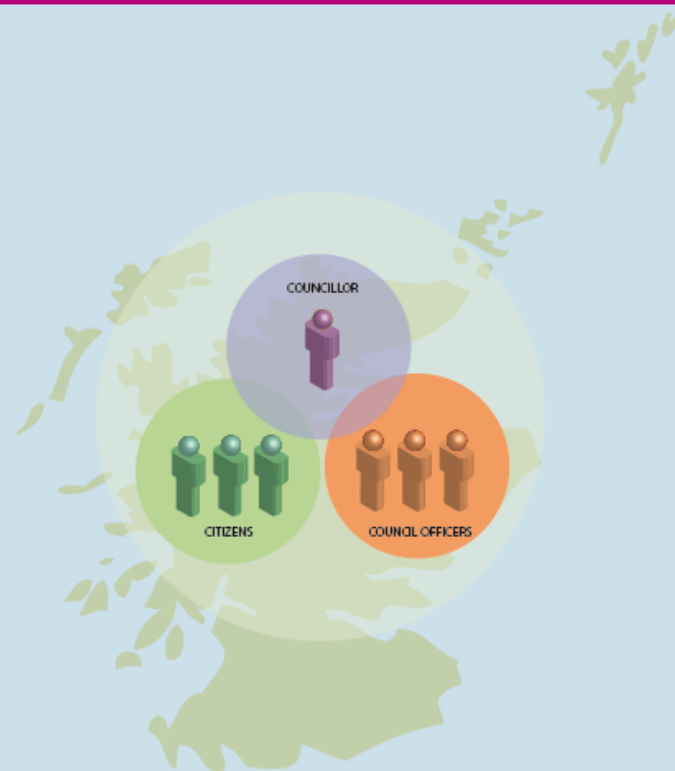
Councillors, officers and communities

This report contributes to current debates over the future of local democracy in Scotland. It draws attention to what it takes to do local politics, and to the everyday practices of local decision-making. What is it that local councillors do when they go about their work? How do officers understand their role and engage within and beyond the council? And how do communities connect with local councils and interact with councillors and officers? Having a better understanding of these questions provides us with the necessary grasp of the everyday practices of local politics with which to formulate alternative visions for the future.

[Click here to read online.](#)

Doing local politics in Scotland

Councillors, officers and communities



Redefining Neighbourhoods: Beyond Austerity

Available soon on the APSE website

Redefining neighbourhoods: Beyond austerity will look at how local authority frontline strategies need to evolve as funding diminishes and social care needs increase. The programme will also bring to life investment strategies that lead to a more self-sufficient and sustainable future.

'REDEFINING
NEIGHBOURHOODS:
Beyond austerity'



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 with Zero Waste Scotland)
- APSE Representatives on the Scottish Government Nursery Milk Scheme Short-Term Working Group
(Janice Fanning, Stirling and Anne Hanlon, North Lanarkshire have kindly volunteered)
- Continued representation at Party Political Conferences
(the next is SNP in October)
- Continuing to respond to Scottish Government consultations
(upcoming consultations we plan to respond to include Socio-Economic Duty, Climate Change Bill, Updating of the School Premises (General Requirements and Standards) (Scotland) Regulations 1967 and Raising Standards and Improving the Quality of Road Works in Scotland)
- 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 Garry at GLee@apse.org.uk or call 01698 459051.

Performance Networks

- Refuse deadline for data is 24th October 2017
- If you have any queries about Performance Networks or need any support, please contact the team at 0161 772 1810 or at performance.networks@apse.org.uk

- **Now have 71 local authority members (15 in Scotland)**
(Aberdeen, Angus, Clackmannanshire, East Dunbartonshire, East Lothian, Falkirk, Fife, Glasgow, Highland, Midlothian, North Ayrshire, Orkney, Shetland, South Lanarkshire, West Lothian)
- **APSE Energy partners with Robin Hood Energy**
APSE Energy will provide capacity to deal with the inquiries being received, and will support those local authorities that are taking forward work with Robin Hood Energy. They will also have a role in ensuring the Robin Hood Energy message gets out to all local authorities, ALMOS, housing associations and other public sector providers.
- **New publication – The Merton Rule (for members only)**
This pamphlet outlines the current situation on The Merton Rule (developed by Merton Council, which required new developments to generate at least 10% of their energy needs from on-site renewable energy equipment, in order to help reduce annual carbon dioxide emissions in the built environment)
- **Update to the Scottish Solar PV Toolkit**
APSE Scotland have asked a consultant to update the Financial Modelling Spreadsheet for 2017-18. Should be available soon
- **Upcoming events**
24th October, Falkirk (electric vehicles and energy companies)
22nd November, North Ayrshire (district heating workshop)
- **Energy consultancy support is available – Contact Phil at 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

Training Events

Marketing your Local Authority Services to Business Customers	12/10/2017	Glasgow	More info
Drugs & Alcohol in the Workplace	30/10/2017	Glasgow	More info
Principles of Modern Parks Management	31/10/2017	Glasgow	More info
ICCM – The Bereavement Journey	16/11/2017	Glasgow	More info
Developing and Delivering a Commercial Strategy in Your Authority	17/11/2017	Glasgow	More info
Highway Liability	24/11/2017	Glasgow	More info
Identifying Damp, Timber Mould and Structural Problems	28/11/2017	Glasgow	More info
Catering Tenders	18/12/2017	Glasgow	More info
Developing a customer focused service culture	28/03/2018	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

Winter Maintenance Seminar	Bradford, 29 September 2017
Future Focus – Where next for Local Government Services?	Wokingham, 3 October 2017
Housing and Building Maintenance Seminar	Liverpool, 5 and 6 October 2017
Refuse, Street Cleansing, Transport, Parks and Public Realm Seminar	Harrogate, 19 and 20 October 2017
Scottish Soft Facilities Management Seminar	Cumbernauld, 23 November 2017
Performance Networks Seminar	Blackpool, 7 and 8 December 2017
Catering, Facilities Management and Building Cleaning Seminar	Durham, 25 and 26 January 2018
Scottish Building, Housing and Renewables Seminar	Dunblane, 22 and 23 February 2018
Highways Seminar	Blackpool, 22 and 23 March 2018
Scottish Fleet, Waste and Grounds Seminar	Aviemore, 16 to 18 May 2018

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Louise update

On Saturday 29th July at 6:26am, Isaac Robert David Melville was born two weeks early by caesarean section, with a healthy weight of 7lbs and 12ozs. Louise and Craig are doing well.

I have brought a card for the advisory group to sign if you'd like to.

