

APSE Parks, Grounds and Streets Services Advisory Group

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Briefings

- 15-14 Public Procurement: A Consultation on Changes to the Public Procurement Rules in Scotland
- 15-16 Flymapper: A free reporting tool for local authorities to record and manage flytipping crime
- 15-17 An overview of local government in Scotland 2015 (Accounts Commission report)
- 15-18 Scottish Government Climate Change Required Reporting Order 2015 Consultation
- 15-24 Equality Evidence Toolkit for Public Authorities (Scotland)
- 15-23 SEPA's Flood Risk Management Planning Consultation
- 15-27 Refuse and Recycling State of the Market Survey
- 15-28 Parks and Green Spaces State of the Market Survey
- 15-29 Natural Capital
- 15-33 The Need for Integrated Weed Control
- 15-34 Giant Hogweed identification, threats, responsibilities and treatment
- 15-35 Litter enforcement and fixed penalty notices
- 15-36 Barbecues in public parks
- 15-37 DVLA Driving Licence Changes
- 15-38 Local Authority Allotment Services: State of the Market 2015
- 15-39 Creating a Fairer Scotland – Employability Support consultation

Research

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Ensuring change:
Building capacity in local government



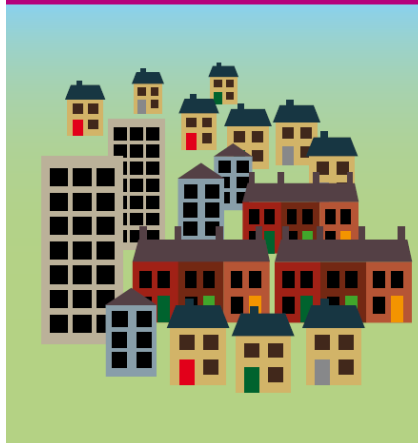
apse **YES energy solutions**

What is ECO and Green Deal?
A simple guide for Local Authorities

Better business:
Councils shaping markets for public value



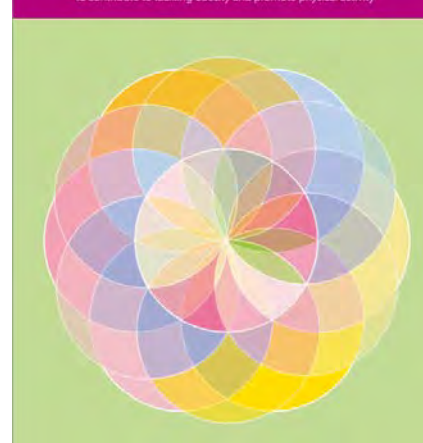
Housing the nation
Ensuring councils can deliver more and better homes



The future of elected members in Scotland



Ensuring action on Health and Wellbeing
Opportunities for local authority catering and sport and leisure services to contribute to tackling obesity and promote physical activity



Retail energy policies in Britain: Towards 2020



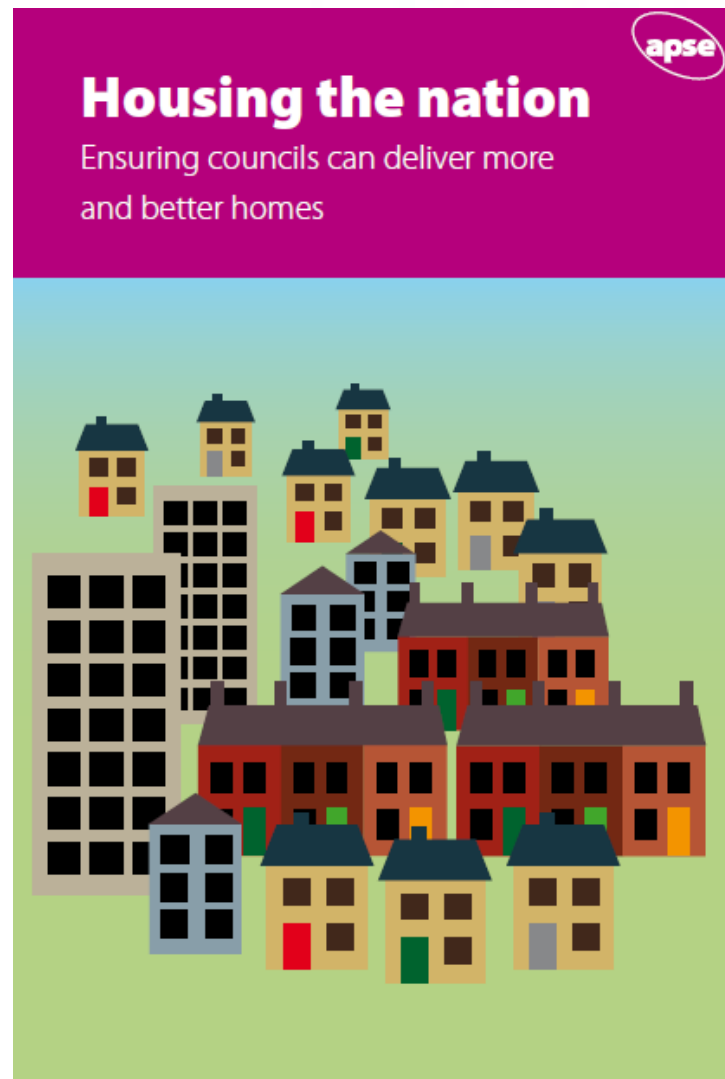
Waste: A brave new world



Latest Research (1)

Housing the nation: Ensuring councils can deliver more and better homes

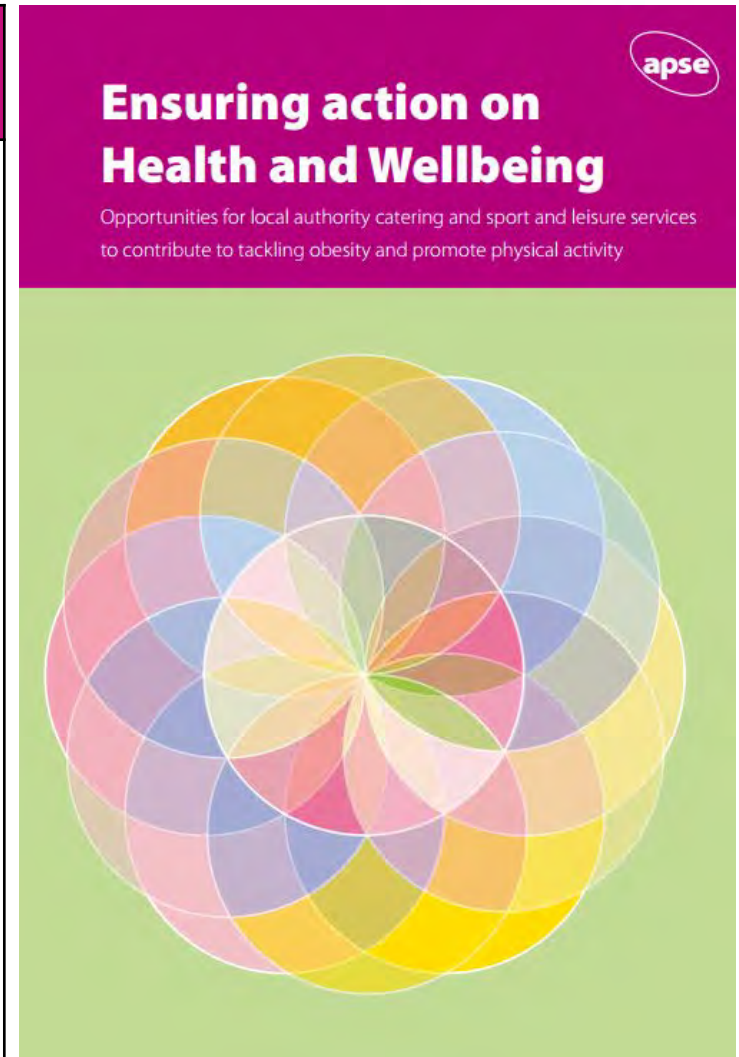
APSE and the TCPA have called for a radical new approach to renew the quality and availability of social housing in the UK. Following publication of a joint research report 'Housing the Nation: Ensuring councils can deliver more and better homes' they argue that by investing in social housing the new Government can help to create a basis for social housing renewal, and bring jobs, skills and regeneration to local communities. With recommendations for councils to be at the heart of a new build programme, facilitated changes to funding, planning and S.106 development rules as well as reviewing 'Right to Buy' this research publication is a timely and essential report to contribute to the debate on housing renewal.



Latest Research (2)

Ensuring action on Health and Wellbeing – Free Report

APSE latest research publication 'Ensuring action on health and wellbeing' explores the national framework for public health in England, the responsibilities of local authorities and the requirement to gather local health intelligence to guide commissioning decisions. The report also examines the opportunities that exist for catering and sport and leisure services to contribute to health and well-being within this new framework. It focuses in particular on the potential for interventions by front-line services in tackling obesity and promoting physical activity.



Latest Research (3)

Waste: A brave new world – Free Report

With significant pressures facing local government waste services, and 79% of APSE members reporting a further squeeze on waste and recycling budgets, a timely new research publication has been released. **'Waste: A brave new world'** explores the pressures on budgets and looks across the UK at how local authorities are responding to new and existing pressures on waste and recycling services. This research is conducted against this context with a view to providing a helpful guide to APSE membership on how they can meet the current and future challenges.



APSE Research Programme

Upcoming research...



Advocacy

- APSE Representative on the Executive Committee of Scottish Waste Industry Training, Competency and Health & Safety forum (SWITCH)
- Scottish Government consultations including the Climate Change Required Reporting 2015 Order
- Attended Scottish Party Political Conferences
- Attended recent Mackay Hannah conference / attending Scottish Resources conference
- Steering Group for Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse – Zero Waste Scotland/Scottish Government
- New elected member research – Democracy and Governance

Performance Networks

- Data collection and error checking is underway – list of final deadlines for the service (see attached timetable)
- Validator training session for anyone who would like to get involved in the audits is 17 September
- PN Seminar, Blackpool, 3-4 December – need ideas from each of the advisory groups for the workshops
- Environmental Health PN service area launched
- Scottish Building & Housing process benchmarking including Performance/ Cost Matrix and new Quarterly PI template collections
- Scottish Transport & Mechanical process benchmarking
- Land Audit Management Systems pilot under way within Parks & Streetscene – going to hold a site training session in Scotland (Louise is arranging the date)
- Accreditation for Bronze, Silver and Gold being piloted this year for education catering and leisure

Process benchmarking

- ▶ Would all or some of the group be interested in starting up a process benchmarking group to look at Performance Networks reports and specific areas in more detail?
- ▶ We could add this to the meeting post-lunch at any future advisory groups
- ▶ **LAMS site visit/training day**
We will be looking to organise this, so if interested please let us know. Planning to send out an e-mail at the start of September about this.

- Now have 50 local authority members (10 in Scotland)
- The most recent councils to join are Basingstoke & Deane Council and North Yorkshire County Council
- 16th September – organising a solar PV workshop for Scottish Councils in partnership with Edison Energy
- Issued a press release along with Scottish Renewables on changes to financial subsidies for on-shore wind, and are currently lobbying government about the impact of changes to the various financial subsidy regimes which impact adversely on local authorities
- 13 briefings issued this year
- Currently putting together the autumn programme for members

Solutions

- ▶ Activity in Scotland including: City of Edinburgh, Falkirk, Glasgow and North Ayrshire
- ▶ Branching out across the Interim Management side, with several new Associates now joining us, 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

Handling difficult conversations with frontline staff	17/09/2015	Glasgow
Disability Awareness Training – Enhance the UK	25/09/2015	Glasgow
Awareness of Drugs and Alcohol for Managers and Supervisors	05/10/2015	Edinburgh
Health and Safety in Amenity Services	07/10/2015	Glasgow
Supervisory Skills for Team Leaders in Frontline Services	07/10/2015	Glasgow
Using volunteers – what local authorities need to know	26/11/2015	Glasgow

State of the Market surveys

- **Street Cleansing State of the Market 2014-15**
Available as Briefing 15-15 [here](#)
- **Refuse and Recycling State of the Market 2014-15**
Available as Briefing 15-27 [here](#)
- **Parks and Green Spaces State of the Market 2014-15**
Available as Briefing 15-28 [here](#)
- **Allotments State of the Market 2014-15**
Available as Briefing 15-38 [here](#)
- If you have any feedback on the State of the Market surveys, please contact GLee@apse.org.uk

Seminars

APSE Annual Seminar 2015: The Ensuring Council – Delivering on frontline services	Wednesday 2 – Thursday 3 September 2015 Brangwyn Hall, Swansea
APSE Energy ‘FIT for purpose’ – Developing solar PV projects at scale in local government	Wednesday 16 September 2015 Hotel Colessio, Stirling
APSE Parks and Open Spaces Seminar 2015	Thursday 1 October 2015 Walbrook Wharf, London
APSE Winter Maintenance Seminar 2015	Thursday 1 October 2015 Bradford Bulls Provident Stadium, Bradford
APSE Housing, Building Maintenance and Construction Seminar 2015	Thursday 8 – Friday 9 October 2015 Marriott Hotel, Leeds
Other upcoming seminars include: Environmental Services Seminar (November), Performance Networks Seminar (December).	

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Interim requirements

Roads & Highways, Building Maintenance, Bereavement Services, Environmental, Parks & Open Spaces, Waste, Facilities & Leisure etc.

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