

# APSE Renewables and Energy Efficiency Advisory Group

20 April 2016

- 15-60 **'Travel time is working time'** – implications for mobile working
  - 15-64 Local authority income generation, trading and charging: State of the Market Survey Report 2015
  - 15-66 Norovirus and the cost of absence to the public sector
  - 16-02 SWITCH (Scottish Waste Industry Training, Competency, Health & Safety) Forum
  - 16-03 Improving air quality in the UK
  - 16-06 Growing the health and well-being agenda
  - 16-11 Scottish Housing Conditions Survey – Key Findings 2014
  - 16-12 Budget 2016 – What it means for Councils
- ▶ As well as all APSE Energy member briefings

# Research

[www.apse.org.uk](http://www.apse.org.uk)

## The future of elected members in Scotland

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## Municipal Energy:

Ensuring councils plan, manage and deliver on local energy

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## Housing the nation

Ensuring councils can deliver more and better homes

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## Park Life, Street Life:

Managing demand in the public realm

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## Ensuring action on Health and Wellbeing

Opportunities for local authority leisure and sport and leisure services to contribute to tackling obesity and promote physical activity

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## APSE Scotland Scottish Toolkit for Solar PV

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## Waste: A brave new world

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## The final piece of the jigsaw

Elected members, everyday politics and local democracy in Scotland

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# Latest Research (1)

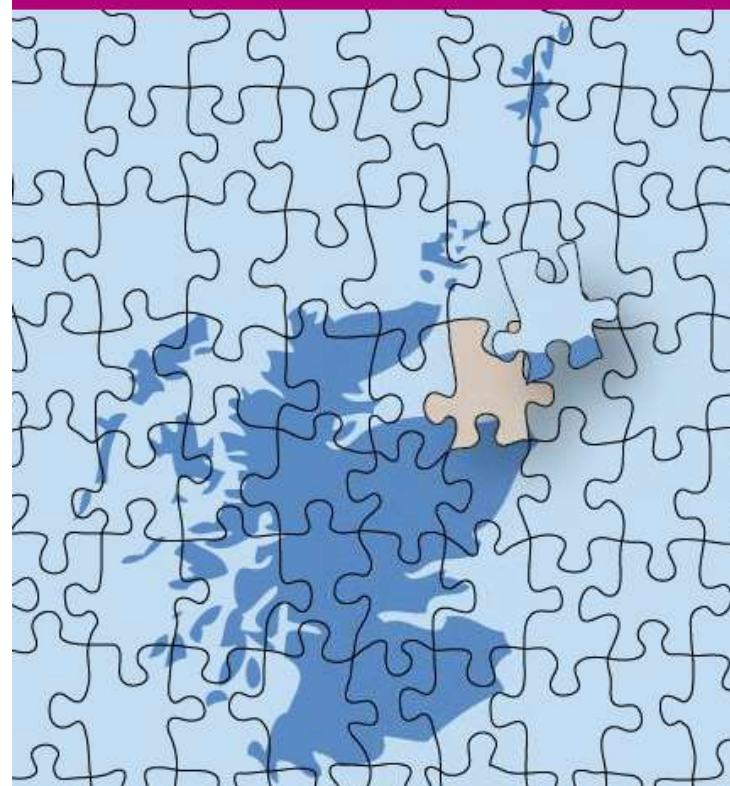
The final piece of the jigsaw:  
Elected members, everyday politics and local  
democracy in Scotland

This research seeks to contribute to on-going debates in Scotland over the future of elected members in local democratic politics. It focuses on the problems surrounding the current role of the elected member by examining their everyday practices, before offering six recommendations that strive to show how we can successfully reinvest in this important role. Through this research, we show that elected members and their everyday practices should be seen as the **'final piece of the jigsaw'** in Scottish local democratic politics.



## The final piece of the jigsaw

Elected members, everyday politics and local  
democracy in Scotland

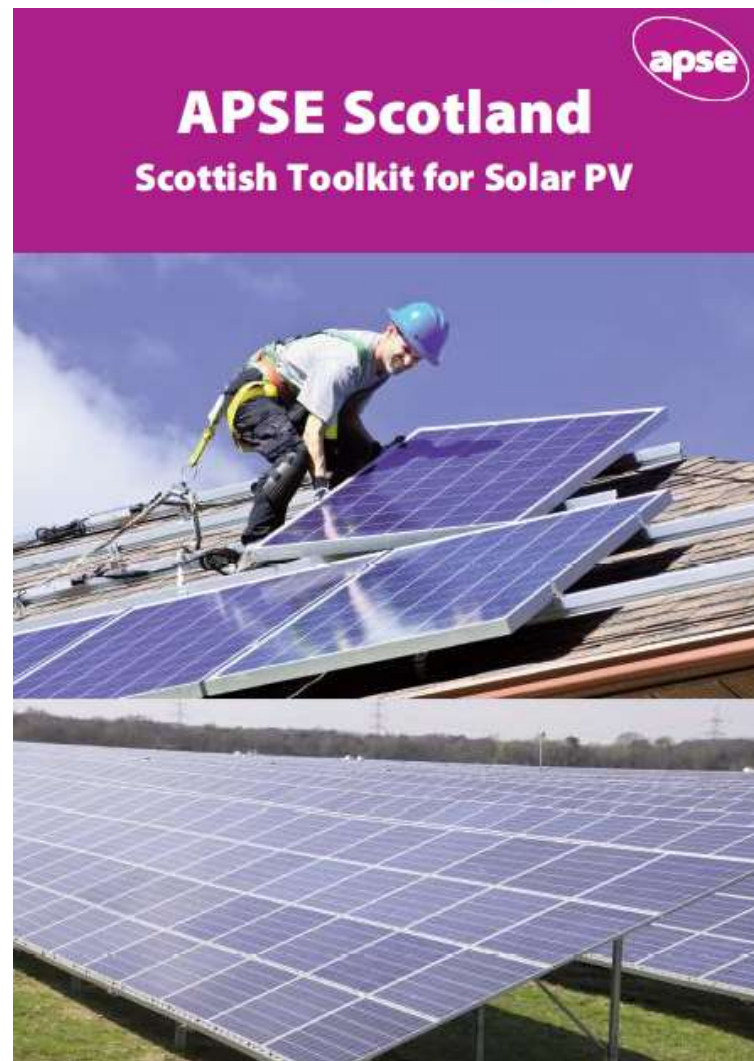


# Latest Research (2)

## APSE Scotland Scottish Toolkit for Solar PV

Discussions with APSE Scotland have determined that what is required is a practical toolkit: a step by step breakdown of the process with options for each local authority and the different paths available.

The purpose of the toolkit is not to give definitive guidance to each local authority on every step but to provide a strategic overview of that path. The intention is that this is then used to inform and assist local authority personnel to develop their own strategies for development projects and do so in the knowledge that these are deliverable.



# Upcoming research...

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## The Ensuring Council and the workforce

*APSE Northern with De Montfort University*

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## Performance and transformation in local government: The case for evidence based decision making

*APSE with Public Intelligence*

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## Governance under austerity: An international comparison study

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## Municipal Entrepreneurship 2

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## Bringing accountability to chaos

*APSE with De Montfort University*

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## Future housing needs

*APSE with the Town and County Planning Association*

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# 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 planned for the Autumn political party conferences (University of Edinburgh/De Montfort University)
- Meetings with the Improvement Service regarding Local Government Benchmarking Framework and Performance Networks collaboration
- **'Final piece of the jigsaw' publication sent to relevant MSPs**



# Performance Networks

- Scottish Building & Housing process benchmarking including Performance/ Cost Matrix and new Quarterly PI template collections
- Scottish Transport & Mechanical process benchmarking
- Soft FM process benchmarking
- Land Audit Management Systems within Parks & Streetscene
- Year 18 templates will be distributed in April 2016



# APSE Energy

- Now have 58 local authority members (11 in Scotland)
- The most recent council to join is West Lothian Council
- APSE Energy have completed the Scottish Solar PV toolkit, awaiting launch
- Mark had an article published in the Town and County Planning Journal (Feb 16) on prospects for municipal energy in the UK
- Mark left the Association last month, Phil Brennan is currently Acting Head of APSE Energy
- Phil has already provided a detailed update on APSE Energy

# 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

ICCM – Customer care in cemeteries and crematoria services	24/05/2016	Glasgow
Principles of contract management	25/05/2016	Glasgow
Supervisory Skills for Team Leaders in Frontline Services	13/06/2016	Glasgow
Identifying damp, timber mould and structural problems	14/06/2016	Glasgow
Health and Safety in Waste and Environmental Services – Frontline supervisory level	06/06/2016	Glasgow
Marketing your local authority services to business customers	05/10/2016	Glasgow

# Seminars (1)

[www.apse.org.uk](http://www.apse.org.uk)

APSE Cemeteries and Crematoria seminar 2016	Friday 22 April 2016, Chesford Grange Hotel, Warwickshire
APSE Scotland Scottish Fleet, Waste & Grounds seminar 2016	17-20 May 2016, Hilton Coylumbridge, Aviemore





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