

APSE Building & Housing Advisory Group

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Briefings

- 17-19 Local Government in Scotland – Performance & Challenges 2017 (Accounts Commission Report)
- 17-12 The Housing White Paper
- 17-11 Household Projections for Scotland, 2014 to 2039 (National Records of Scotland)
- 17-09 Performance Networks Trading Standards Pilot
- 17-07 Sub threshold contracts and public procurement
- 17-05 Loss of social homes for rent
- 17-03 Local government in Scotland – Financial overview 2015/16 (Accounts Commission)
- 17-02 Trend analysis 2015/16: Building Maintenance

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.



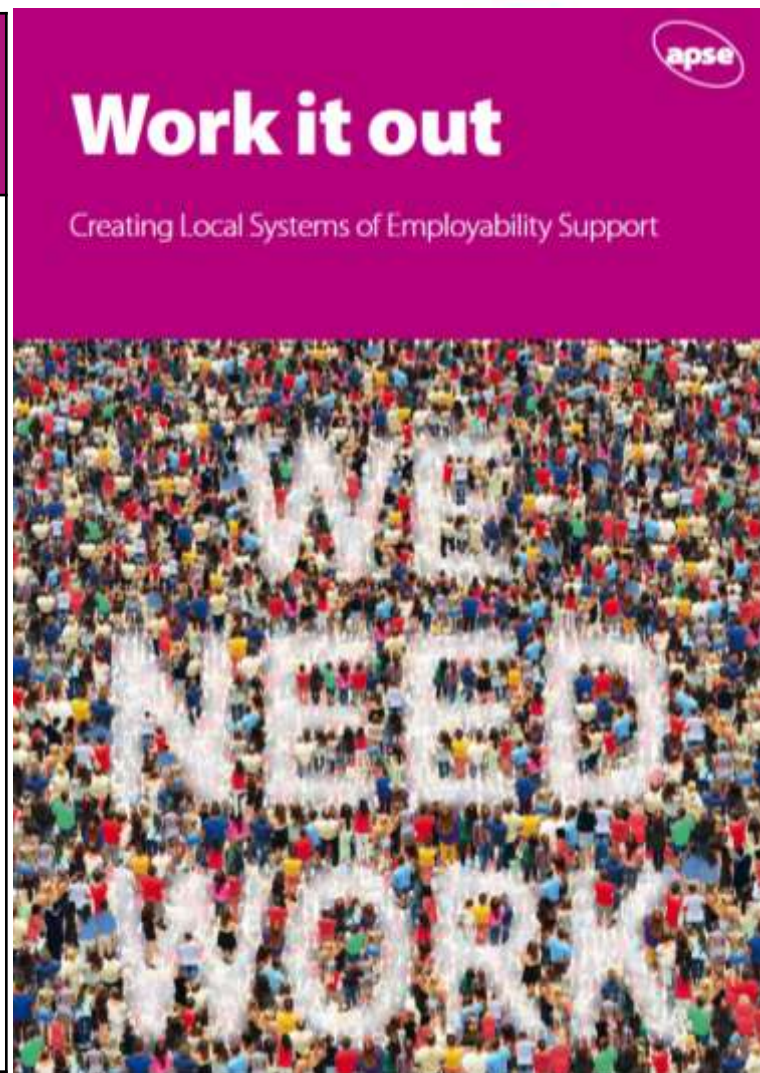
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Latest Research (2)

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.



Promoting Excellence

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Partnering with ITN Productions 2017, Redefining Neighbourhoods: Beyond Austerity

This new programme will look to explore the innovative ways Councils are successfully running their frontline services. If you are interested in telling your story, contact the APSE Scotland office for more information.



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 or call 01698 459051.

- Now have 65 local authority members (14 in Scotland)
- APSE Energy partners with Robin Hood Energy
- Upcoming events
 - The Merton Rule: A practical workshop, London 26 April
 - ESCOs & the energy agenda, Barnsley 5 May
 - Energy with water, Nottingham 12 May
 - Energy Storage, Leeds 16 June
- APSE Energy consultancy support is available – Contact 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

Handling Difficult Conversations	10/05/2017	Glasgow
Developing & Managing Service Level Agreements	23/05/2017	Glasgow
Using Volunteers? What local Authorities Need To Know	24/05/2017	Glasgow
Effective Accident & Incident Investigations – Duty Holders	07/06/2017	Glasgow
Identifying Damp, Timber Mould & Structural Problems	08/06/2017	Glasgow
Leadership & Management Skills	12/06/2017	Glasgow
Delivering Effective & Creative Marketing Campaigns	02/08/2017	Glasgow
Supervisory Skills for Team Leaders in Frontline Services	14/08/2017	Glasgow
Drugs & Alcohol in the Workplace	30/10/2017	Glasgow

Seminars

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APSE Scotland Fleet, Waste & Grounds Seminar	Aviemore, 23 and 26 May 2017
APSE Annual Seminar, Exhibition & Service Awards	Oxford, 6 and 7 September 2017

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