

APSE Renewables and Energy Efficiency Advisory Group

21 August 2018

- 18-29 The New Towns Act 1981 (Local Authority Oversight) Regulations
- 18-28 Local Authority Apprenticeship Programmes
- 18-27 Scottish Government Consultation – Building Standards Compliance and Fire Safety
- 18-26 Childhood obesity: a plan for action – Chapter 2
- 18-25 Revised eligibility criteria for free school meals - Wales
- 18-24 Energy Efficient Scotland Consultation: Making our homes and buildings warmer, greener and more efficient
- 18-23 Consultation on the Energy Efficiency Standard for Social Housing post- 2020 (ESSH2)
- 18-22 Review of nutritional Requirements for Food and Drink in Schools (Scotland) Regulations 2008 – Report of the Technical Working Group and Consultation
- 18-21 Code of practice on Litter and Refuse (Scotland) 2018 Foods – a consultation on meeting the needs of children and families

Research

Neighbourhood Services Poll

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Energy across the authority
How local authorities are using assets to develop the energy agenda



Delivering affordable homes in a changing world
Ensuring councils can meet local housing need



Doing local politics: supplementary report
Centre and locality in Scottish politics
A report for APSE Scotland



Bringing order to chaos
How does local government hold to account agencies delivering public services?



Taking a commercial approach
A guide for local councils in Scotland to income generation, trading and charging



ECO funding for local authorities
A simple guide to the Government's ECO scheme



The new municipalism
Taking back entrepreneurship

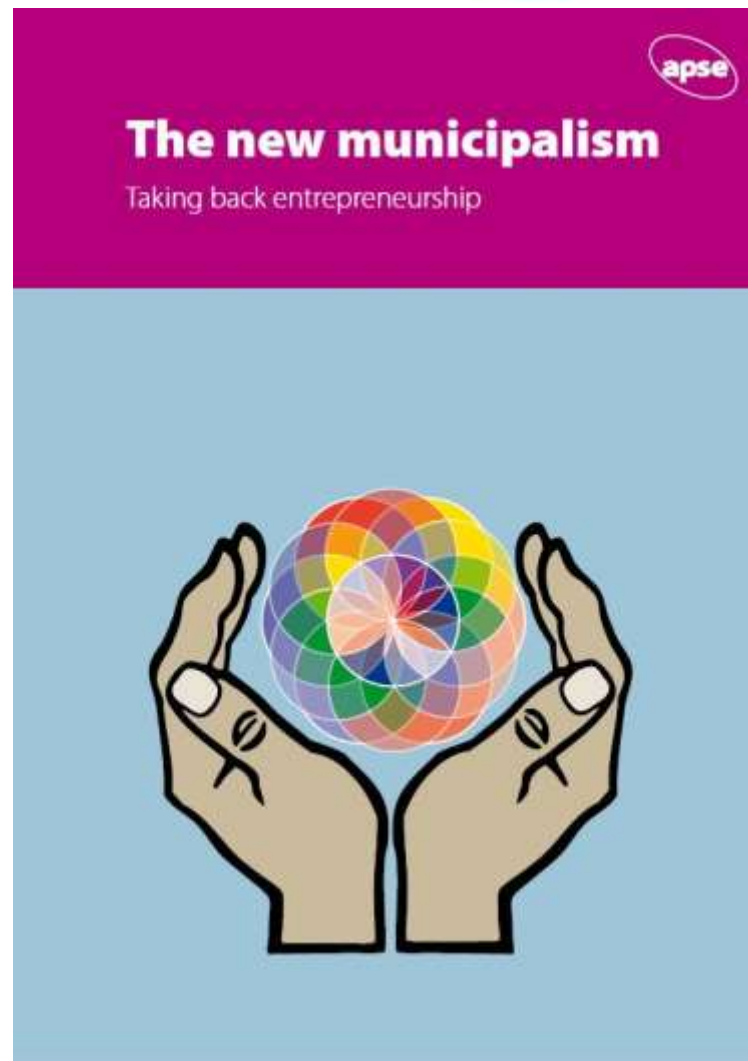


Latest Research (1)

The new municipalism: Taking back entrepreneurship

APSE's latest research examines the initiatives and the emerging practices of municipal entrepreneurialism. This report explores genuinely innovative ways of working to demonstrate how local authorities are intervening in markets to deliver outcomes that go beyond financial benefits. Complete with case studies this report is a robust source of information for all those in local government who wish to develop an entrepreneurial approach to support both frontline services and the communities and local economies in which they are based.

A [free PDF](#) is available on the APSE website.



Latest Research (2)

Taking a commercial approach

Local Government within Scotland is facing a number of challenges. Resources are not unlimited and yet demand for local council services is ever increasing. Reliance on ever decreasing central funding for local councils means stark choices; cut services or find other ways to meet these on-going challenges. That is why APSE Scotland commissioned this guide for our member local councils to explore the dynamics of commercialisation in local government.

By commercialisation we are talking about those activities that local councils can provide at a charge in order to generate additional income. It makes clear that local councils are not at liberty to charge for those services that they ought to provide on a statutory basis, and nor would we want that to be the case. However, local councils in Scotland can add value to services that they already provide and are more than capable of entering into markets; both new and existing, to bring added value to citizens and to local economies.

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Research themes

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| Housing | Town and County Planning Association (TCPA) |
| Local Government Finance | New Policy Institute (NPI) |
| The changing role of senior officers | Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) |
| Commercialisation and risk management a governance guide | Centre for Public Scrutiny (CfPS) |
| Selling services to schools | Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy Property (CIPFA Property) |
| School meal uptakes 2017-18 | Lead Association for Catering in Education (LACA) |
| Other research: Governance and democracy, Municipal Entrepreneurship | |

Future Communities: Greener, Cleaner, Smarter
Being launched at the APSE Annual Seminar 2018 in Edinburgh

APSE and ITN Productions are producing a news and long-form current affairs-style programme highlighting **APSE's** vision to encourage healthy, environmentally friendly and smart solutions for local communities. '**Future Communities: Greener, Cleaner, Smarter**' will focus on how these elements together can improve the living and working environments for the local population. The news-style piece will be anchored by national newsreader Natasha Kaplinsky. [Click here](#) to watch the trailer.



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)
- Chief Executive is a member of the DCLG Parks Action Group
- APSE is the secretariat to the All Party Parliamentary Group for School Food
- APSE Representatives on the Scottish Government Nursery Milk Scheme Short-Term Working Group
- Continued representation at Party Political Conferences
- Continuing to strengthen relationships with other organisations
- Recent BBC Radio interviews with senior members of staff
- **Segment on BBC's Countryfile on the Parks State of the Market**

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.

Recent example

RENEW040 – Staff salary sacrifice scheme for low emission vehicles

This authority is interested in finding out if any others utilise a salary sacrifice scheme for low emission or electric vehicles.

They would also like to hear from any who have considered it and decided against it.

Performance Networks

- Year 20 Submission deadlines – Deadline for return of data collection template for full error checking (August 3rd 2018).

The deadlines for the return of data collection templates are available on APSE's Performance Networks website [here](#).

- Markets pilot - APSE have been working with NABMA over a benchmarking pilot for markets during 2017 which has been really successful. This service is being rolled out fully in 2018 and is available **free of charge to those authorities who are members for 'all services'**.

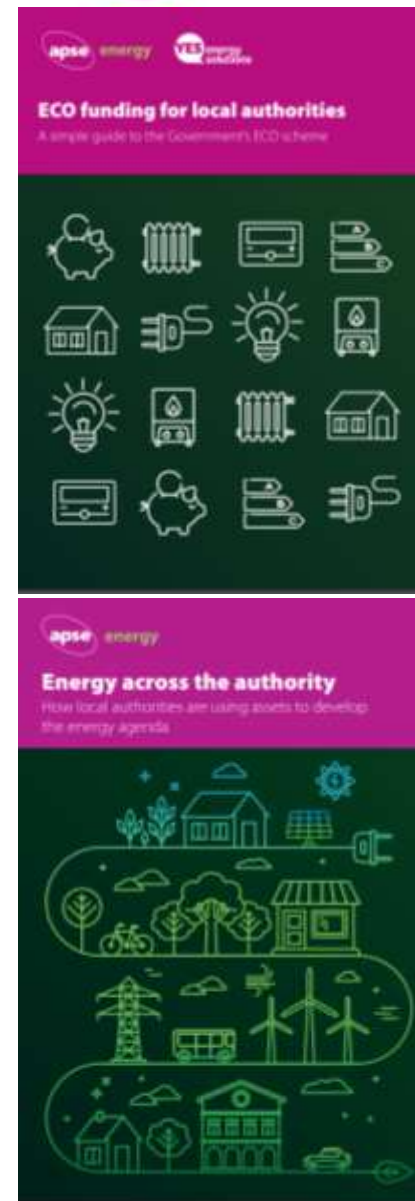
Performance Networks

- Corporate Services module - We have issued a Register of Interest to corporate contacts of performance networks to gauge the level of interest in introducing a new benchmarking module on Corporate Services. We have a group of 10 authorities to pilot this during 2018 but if anyone else would like to join, please contact the APSE office.
- Updated web portal - The web portal is being updated which will include individual log-ins rather than authority-wide log-ins. This will enable more reports and analysis to be uploaded onto the web with customised information such as forthcoming deadlines and dates for benchmarking meetings relevant to that particular service area. This is currently being piloted and will be rolled out during spring.
- New database - APSE continues to work with CAMMS to develop a new database for performance networks to make it easier to report and analyse data and to build a platform for future web-enabled services.

APSE Energy

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- Now have 79 local authority members (18 in Scotland)
(Aberdeen, Angus, Clackmannanshire, Dumfries and Galloway, East Ayrshire, East Dunbartonshire, East Lothian, Falkirk, Fife, Glasgow, Highland, Midlothian, North Ayrshire, Orkney, Shetland, South Ayrshire, South Lanarkshire, West Lothian)
- Events in Scotland – [Building, housing, energy and sustainability](#) (26th September at BRE Innovation Park, Motherwell) and the [APSE Energy Scotland Summit](#) (2nd to 3rd October, Stirling – first delegate goes free for APSE Energy members).
- Latest publications – [ECO funding for local authorities](#) and [Energy across the authority: How local authorities are using assets to develop the energy agenda](#)
- Energy consultancy is available with a preferential rate for members of APSE and APSE Energy. Contact Phil at 07796 301502 or by e-mail at pbrennan@apse.org.uk



APSE Energy Scotland Summit

Confirmed / invited speakers include:

- Policy driving action - Neil Ritchie, Energy and Climate Change Directorate, Scottish Government
- Getting the community involved - Nicholas Gubbins, Chief Executive, Community Energy Scotland
- A new energy future – what are the challenges? – Ragne Low, Principal Knowledge Exchange Fellow, University of Strathclyde
- The grid – yesterday, today and tomorrow – Scottish Power Energy Networks
- Storage – what are your options? – Ray Noble, APSE Energy Associate and Co-Chair of the DECC Solar Strategy Task Force
- The role of local authorities in the heat market – Steve Luker, APSE Energy Associate
- Energy – engaging the whole council – Steve Cirell, APSE Energy Associate

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- An energy efficient council in a low carbon region - Jan Falconer, Head of Economic Development, Dumfries and Galloway Council
- Case study – Focusing on a commercial approach in Nottingham – Wayne Bexton, Head of Energy Projects, Nottingham City Council
- Adopting a strategic approach to energy transformation - Jackie Sayer, Engineer (Energy & Sustainability), Highland Council
- Carbon budgeting – an introduction - Shona Cargill, Lead Officer (Climate Change & Zero Waste), Fife Council
- Putting recent policy developments into the local authority context - Mari-Claire Morgan, Climate Change Officer, Falkirk Council
- Case study – Our journey with Electric Vehicles – Fraser Crichton, Transport Manager, Dundee City Council
- Investing in energy efficiency South Ayrshire style – Chris Carroll, Private Sector and Landlord Registration Officer, South Ayrshire Council

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 in Scotland

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| Developing and Delivering a Commercial Strategy | 28/08/2018 | Edinburgh | More info |
| Supervisory Skills for Team Leaders in Frontline Services | 29/08/2018 | Glasgow | More info |
| Resilience (Why do we need to become more resilient?) | 30/08/2018 | Glasgow | More info |
| Highway Liability | 28/09/2018 | Glasgow | More info |
| ICCM – The Bereavement Journey | 30/10/2018 | Glasgow | More info |

Training Events in Scotland

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| The Circular Economy | 31/10/2018 | Glasgow | More info |
| Leading Safely (Safety for senior executives) | 19/11/2018 | Glasgow | More info |
| Supervisor Skills for Team Leaders in Frontline Services | 20/11/2018 | Glasgow | More info |
| Resilience (Why do we need to become more resilient?) | 27/11/2018 | 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

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| APSE Annual Seminar | Edinburgh, 12 and 13 September 2018 | More info |
| Building Maintenance and Repairs seminar | Stoke-on-Trent, 4 October 2018 | More info |
| Winter Maintenance seminar | Bradford, 5 October 2018 | More info available soon |
| Refuse, Recycling, Street Scene, Grounds and Parks seminar | Nottingham, 18-19 October 2018 | More Info |
| Leisure seminar | Loughborough, 8 November 2018 | More info available soon |
| Scottish Soft FM seminar | Cumbernauld, 20 November 2018 | More info available soon |
| Scottish Building and Housing seminar | Dunblane, 7-8 February 2019 | More info available soon |
| Scottish Fleet, Waste and Grounds seminar | Aviemore, 14-17 May 2019 | More info available soon |

APSE Energy Seminars

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| Using your assets – options and opportunities for energy investment | Newcastle upon Tyne, 7 September 2018 | More info |
| Building, housing, energy and sustainability | Motherwell, 26 September 2018 | More info |
| APSE Scottish Energy Summit | Stirling, 2 and 3 October 2018 | More info |

PowerPoint slides from previous APSE Energy events are available on the website [here](#).

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