

APSE Transport and Mechanical Advisory Group

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- 18-11 State of the Market 2018: Local Authority Parks and Green Spaces Services
- 18-10 Eligibility for free school meals and the early years pupil premium under Universal Credit – Government consultation response
- 18-09 Developing the Young Workforce Annual Progress Report
- 18-08 Scottish Energy Strategy
- 18-07 Cemeteries and Crematoria Trend Analysis 2016-17
- 18-06 Trading Standards Trend Analysis 2016-17
- 18-05 Environmental Health Trend Analysis 2016-17
- 18-04 Parks and Open Spaces Trend Analysis 2016-17
- 18-03 Street Cleansing Trend Analysis 2016-17
- 18-02 Post Carillion Contractor Insolvency and EU Procurement Rules
- 18-01 Scottish Government Consultation on Electoral Reform

Research

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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.



GOVERNING IN AND AGAINST AUSTERITY: INTERNATIONAL LESSONS FROM EIGHT CITIES

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



The impact of devolution upon frontline services



Neighbourhood Services Poll

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Bringing order to chaos

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



Latest Research (1)

The impact of devolution upon frontline services

The latest research developed by APSE and the Centre for Local Economic Strategies (CLES) explores the impact that devolution in England is having upon the provision and delivery of frontline services in local government. The report, *The impact of devolution upon frontline services*, highlights that as devolution has evolved over the last few years and deals have been agreed between localities and Government, the debate has been remiss of any conversation about frontline services. We explore how frontline service provision has been and could further be affected by devolution now and in the future and why frontline services should be considered as a core component of the debate as it moves forward.



The impact of devolution upon frontline services



Latest Research (2)

Neighbourhood Services Poll – strong public support for housing safety inspections to be in the hands of local councils

A new poll carried on behalf of APSE by polling company Survation finds that the public are almost three times more likely to support local councils being responsible for local Buildings Inspections work rather than private inspectors. The poll found 59% of the public support council Building Inspections, and just 23.4% support private inspectors.

The poll makes an interesting assessment of public trust in housing safety following the tragedy of Grenfell Tower. Interestingly, support is highest amongst Conservative voters with 63.9% supporting councils as the Building Inspectors.

Neighbourhood Services Poll



Survation.



Latest Research (3)

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

Research published by APSE and written and researched by the Local Governance Research Unit at De Montfort University finds that as public service provision continues to be fragmented, diverse and largely unaccountable to the local public, local councils, as the only democratically elected institutions at a local level, are best placed to make sure that local networks are harnessed to ensure all actors and agencies are working in the best interests of the local area.

A free PDF is available on the APSE website.



Upcoming Research

- The Ensuring Council 2017 (March 2018 with De Montfort Uni)
- The changing role of senior officers (March 2018 with De Montfort Uni)
- Housing (March 2018 with TCPA)
- Local Government Finance (March 2018 with New Policy Institute)
- Selling services to schools (March 2018 with CIPFA)
- Social Care (March 2018 with Kings Fund)
- Insourcing (March 2018)
- Local government workforce planning pre / post Brexit (March 2018)

Redefining Neighbourhoods: Beyond Austerity
Available now 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.



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
- Continued representation at Party Political Conferences
- 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.

APSE Energy

- Now have 76 local authority members (16 in Scotland) (Aberdeen, Angus, Clackmannanshire, East Ayrshire, East Dunbartonshire, East Lothian, Falkirk, Fife, Glasgow, Highland, Midlothian, North Ayrshire, Orkney, Shetland, South Lanarkshire, West Lothian)
- 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 in Scotland

Developing a customer focused service culture	28/03/2018	Glasgow	More info
Kitchen Social – Awareness Sessions for Local Authorities	18/04/2018	Glasgow	More info
Cleaning in Local Authority Environments	23/04/2018	Glasgow	More info
Managing Catering Events	24/04/2018	Glasgow	More info
ICCM – The Bereavement Journey	30/04/2018	Glasgow	More info
CDM Regulations Refresher	01/05/2018	Glasgow	More info

Training Events in Scotland

Health and Safety – Working on Highways and Verges	16/05/2018	Glasgow	More info
Highway Liability	28/09/2018	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

Highways, Street Lighting and Winter Maintenance Seminar	Blackpool, 22 and 23 March 2018
Cemeteries and Crematorium Seminar	Coventry, 19 April 2018
Driving value through sports development and leisure services	Westminster, 26 April 2018
Scottish Fleet, Waste and Grounds Seminar	Aviemore, 16 and 18 May 2018
Transport seminar	Coventry, 14 June 2018
APSE Annual Seminar 2018	Edinburgh, 12 and 13 September 2018

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