

APSE BUILDING & HOUSING ADVISORY GROUP

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Briefings

- ▶ 14-01 Scottish Government Free School Meals
- ▶ 14-11 Street cleansing state of the market survey
- ▶ 14-12 Consultation response Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill
- ▶ 14-14 Scottish Housing Conditions Survey
- ▶ 14-17 Better Eating Better Learning
- ▶ 14-18 Audit of modern apprentices in Scotland
- ▶ 14-19 Queens baton relay
- ▶ 14-23 Housing Scotland Bill
- ▶ 14-24 Beyond the School Gate
- ▶ 14-25 Performance Networks Environmental Health Pilot
- ▶ 14-30 Reducing Fire Risk at Waste Management Sites
- ▶ 14-32 The Scottish Manual Handling Passport Scheme
- ▶ 14-35 Becoming a good food nation
- ▶ 14-38 Consultation Housing (Scotland) Act 2014 – Section 28

Research

The ensuring council:

An alternative vision for the future of local government



ENSURING HEALTH AND WELLBEING

A self-assessment tool for health and wellbeing boards



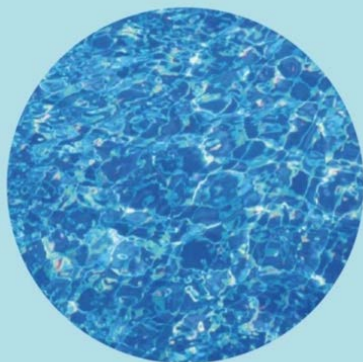
The road to 2020

A manifesto for the Ensuring Council



Local Water

The challenge and the prize for the ensuring council as a steward of water



Innovation on the frontline:

How engagement with the local government workforce can improve service delivery in austere times



apse research briefing

Ensuring Collaboration:

One way ahead for public-private partnerships

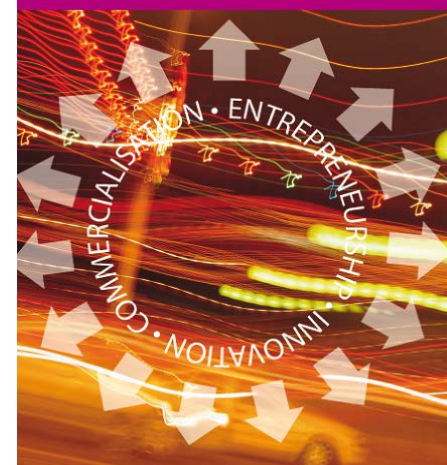


The role and value of local authority assets in town centres



Ensuring change:

Building capacity in local government



Research Recently Completed (1)

The Future of Elected Members in Scotland

The changing demands, requirements and expectations of the office of the councillor, like those of local government, are once again under scrutiny in Scotland. This 2014 study surveys the beliefs and attitudes of elected members across Scotland. The survey generated returns from approximately 10 per cent of the 1222 councillors across the 32 authorities in Scotland. To supplement these returns, the survey was followed by a half-day focus group with elected members.



Research Recently Completed (2)

Better business: Councils shaping markets for public value

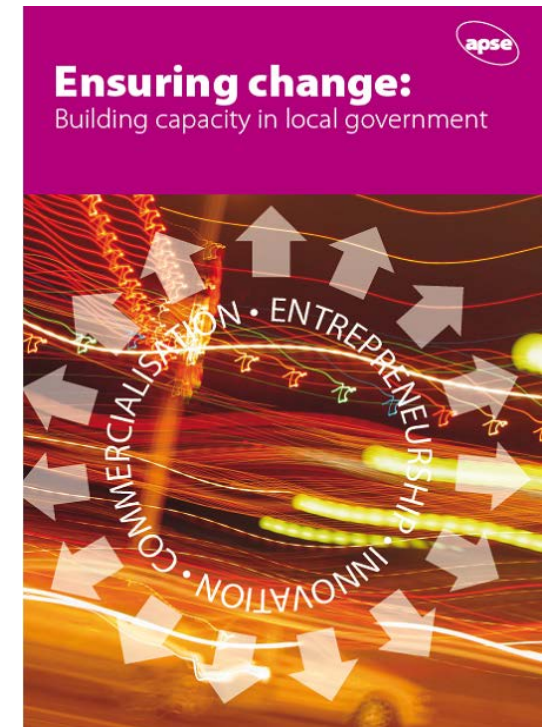
- Commission by APSE and written by New Local Government Network (NLGN)
- The report provides a range of positive recommendations to enable councils to nudge or 'budge' business towards more socially responsible products and business practices.
- This report will be of great interest to those with a role in public policy and service delivery and will act as a useful guide in exploring what councils could do to better influence local markets.



Research Recently Completed (3)

Ensuring Change: Building capacity in local government

- APSE in association with Public Intelligence produced this research
- Shows local authorities are imbued with an ethos of stewardship, municipal entrepreneurialism and maintaining core capacity to meet local needs
- Explores how authorities have embraced entrepreneurialism, innovation and commercialisation as the principles driving their strategic choices, service design and front-line practices.



Research for 2014/15

- ▶ Waste: A Brave New World (Nov)
- ▶ The Value of School Meals to Public Health (Nov)
- ▶ Future of Local Government Finance (Dec)

Potential research topics including:-

- ▶ Welfare Reform
- ▶ Climate Change
- ▶ Public Health
- ▶ Housing

Advocacy

- ▶ APSE Energy Scottish parliamentary launch on 27 November in Edinburgh
- ▶ Working with NHS Scotland & Scottish Government on the evaluation of the free school meals implementation
- ▶ Scottish Government consultations including the Housing (Scotland) Act 2014 – Section 28
- ▶ Attending Scottish Party Political Conferences
 - Over 45 attendees at the SNP fringe on the future role of elected members

APSE Services (1)

- Performance Networks
 - Relaunch of Sports & Leisure in Scotland
 - Validations under way for the 2014 awards
 - Number of new Scotland reports including Environmental Health
 - Number of changes to current reports including the introduction of new tables and graphs
 - Places still available for the Performance Networks conference in Blackpool on 4/5 December

APSE Services (2)

- ▶ APSE Solutions
 - Activity in Scotland including: City of Edinburgh, North Ayrshire, West Dunbartonshire as well as live queries from West Lothian and NHS Health Scotland
- ▶ Training
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Training Events

- ▶ CHAMPS2 Business change management – Edinburgh 11/12/14
- ▶ Awareness of Drugs & Alcohol for managers and supervisors – Glasgow 9/1/15
- ▶ Managing contractors Safety Masterclass – Glasgow 30/01/15
- ▶ Principles of contract management – Glasgow 6/2/15
- ▶ Supervisory Skills for Team Leaders in frontline services – Glasgow 31/3/15

Seminars / Conferences 2014/15

- ▶ APSE Performance Networks Seminar 2014 Blackpool 4/5 December
- ▶ APSE Scotland Building, Housing & Renewables Seminar 2015 Dunblane Hydro 12/13 February

Building, Housing & Renewables seminar 2015 (1)

- APSE hosted a meeting at Dunblane Hydro to consult a focus group of advisory group attendees to see what they thought of the venue for the upcoming 2015 seminar and to suggest potential topics and speakers.
- We have pulled together these ideas and put together a programme (over the page)
- We are still open to any other suggestions for speakers/topics, particularly for 10 minute sessions on day two

Building, Housing & Renewables seminar 2015 (2)

Confirmed sessions include:

Day One

- ▶ MSPs debate – the future of housing in Scotland and the role of local authorities
- ▶ How Councils are meeting demands for Council homes
- ▶ Building Compliance & Renewables: The latest innovations and how to get funding for them
- ▶ Apprenticeships – Panel debate

Day Two

- ▶ Building health check session (led by broadcaster on topics such as First Time Fix)
- ▶ The future of in-house services (6x10 minute sessions – on everything from gas safety checks to property dataset mapping)

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