

# APSE PARKS, GROUNDS & STREETS ADVISORY GROUP

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# **Briefings**

- 14-01 Scottish Government Free School Meals
- ▶ 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
- 14-23 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
- 14-33 Working time directive Advice from the Traffic Commissioner
- ▶ 14-35 Becoming a good food nation
- ▶ 14-38 Consultation Housing (Scotland) Act 2014 Section 28
- 14-53 Land Audit Management System (LAMS): Summary of the Pilot Scheme
- 15-01 Scottish House Conditions Survey 2013
- ▶ 15-03 Scotland's Youth Employment Strategy
- ▶ 15-04 Evaluating free school meal provision for P1 to P3 in Scotland and how local authorities can get involved
- 15-08 Progress Report on the Scottish Fuel Poverty Statement 2002



### Research





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





#### **Ensuring Collaboration:**

One way ahead for public-private partnership



# The role and value of local authority assets in town centres



Ensuring change:
Building capacity in local government



#### ENSURING HEALTH AND WELLBEING

A self-assessment tool for health and wellbeing boards



### **Better business:**Councils shaping markets for public value



#### **Local Water**

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



The future of elected members in Scotland



### **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.

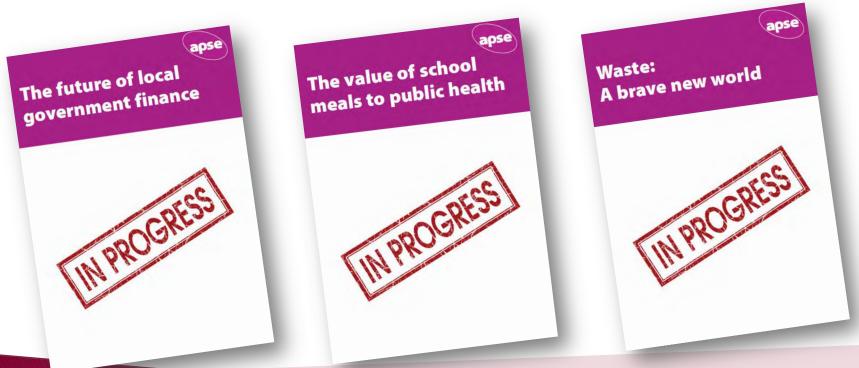
 This report will be of great interest to those with a role in public policy and service delivery and will act as a useful guide in exploring what councils could do to better influence local markets.

#### Better business: Councils shaping markets for public value



### **APSE Research Programme**





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# Upcoming research...



# 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
- APSE Representative on the Executive Committee of Scottish Waste Industry Training,
   Competency and Health & Safety forum (SWITCH)
- Scottish Government consultations including the Housing (Scotland) Act 2014 Section 28
- All 5 political parties participated in the Scottish Building, Housing & Renewables on 12/13
   February 2015
- Attending Scottish Party Political Conferences
- Attending the CoSLA/ IS Awards 2015

### **APSE Services (1)**

- Performance Networks
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> batch printed reports will be available end of March
  - New templates for all services will be released in April
  - Environmental Health PN service area launched
  - Scottish Building & Housing process benchmarking including Performance/ Cost Matrix and new Quarterly PI template collections
  - Scottish Transport & Mechanical process benchmarking
  - Land Audit Management Systems pilot under way within Parks & Streetscene



# **APSE Services (2)**

- APSE Solutions
  - Activity in Scotland including: City of Edinburgh, Falkirk, Glasgow and North Ayrshire
- Training
  - Activity in Scotland including: Aberdeenshire, Aberdeen City, Dumfries & Galloway, Dundee, East Lothian, East Renfrewshire and West Lothian



# **APSE Services (3)**

#### Surveys

- State of the Market Parks & Green Spaces survey due to be released for local authority responses
- State of the Market Street Cleansing survey briefing on results due for release at the end of this month



# **Training Events**

- CDM Regulations: New Updates & Changes Glasgow 13/03/15
- ► CHAMPS2 Business change management 30/03/15
- Supervisory Skills for Team Leaders in frontline services Glasgow 31/03/15
- Managing allotments Strafford 11/05/15
- Health & Safety Waste & Environmental Services Edinburgh 15/05/15
- Awareness of Drugs and Alcohol for Managers and Supervisors – 18/05/15
- Using volunteers what local authorities need to know Gedling 22/05/15
- ICCM Customer Care in Cemeteries & Crematoria services Manchester 17/06/15



### Seminars / Conferences 2015/16

- National roads, street lighting and winter
   maintenance seminar 5/6 March 2015 Durham
- Parks Seminar 20 March 2015 Harrogate
- APSE Scotland Fleet, Waste & Grounds seminar –
   26/29 May 2015 Aviemore





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