

APSE Waste and Recycling Network

7 November 2025

The state we're in...

**Simpler
Recycling**

Local government finance
long-term settlement
promised

3 or 4 weekly collections?

**Consistent
Collections**

**Waste and
Resources
Strategy**

Industrial Action

£ **ETS**

**Net Zero
(or not?)**

**Decarbonisation and
electrification**

DRS 

Political changes

LGR

Aging workforce

**Climate change and the
ecological emergency**

EPR

Procurement

Insourcing?

**New
burdens
funding**

**Circular
Economy
Taskforce**

Every 3 weeks Every 4 weeks Fortnightly Weekly

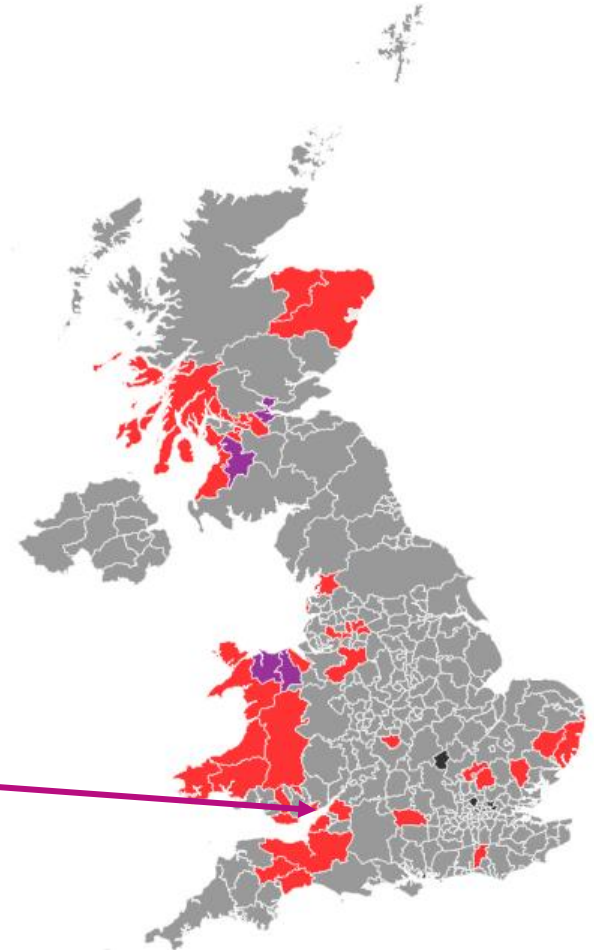


Collection frequency

From 1...2...3...4... weekly?

Most will have food waste collections already

Record: Newport, Wales
120L every 3 weeks =
40L/week
Result? **71%** recycling rate



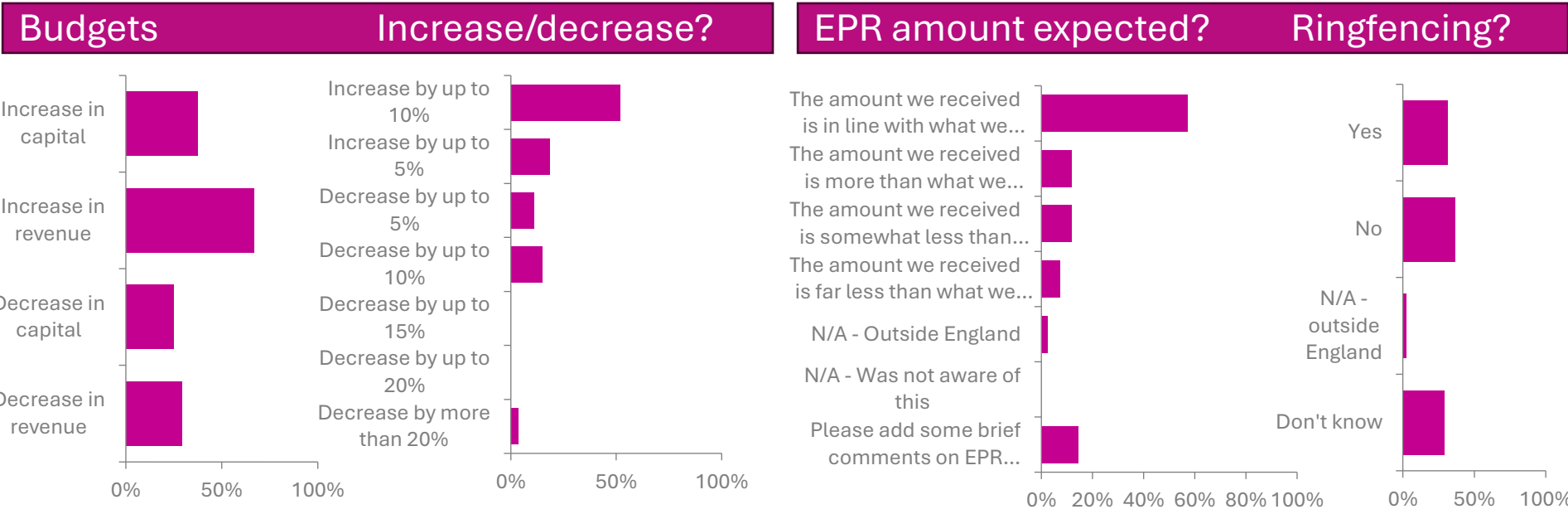
Source: Reach data unit research



Budgets

ETS Concern?

74/100



EPR Funding

Information below is an extract from the latest [UK Government Local Authority payment values: Scotland](#) for Year 1 (2025/2026) updated on 5 November 2025.

- City of Edinburgh Council - £16,943,501.30
- East Ayrshire Council - £5,427,599.26
- Fife Council - £6,911,023.64
- Perth & Kinross Council - £3,781,100.63
- South Lanarkshire Council - £7,687,144.22
- West Lothian Council - £5,298,370.81

To access your current anticipated EPR payment for packaging [click here](#)

APSE Update

7 November 2025

- [25-09 Consultation Changes to Waste management Services](#)
- [25-19 Single use vapes ban](#)
- [25-22 APSE Health and Safety Webinar](#)
- [25-26 Draft Environment Strategy SG Consultation](#)

For more information on all of our briefings please [click here](#)

Research

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Bringing order to chaos

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



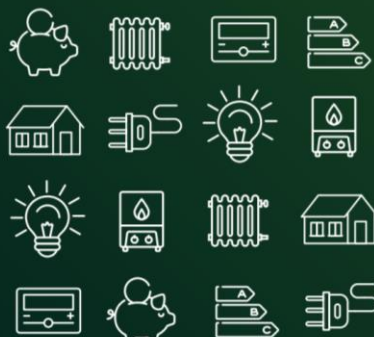
Taking a commercial approach

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



Energy across the authority

How local authorities are using assets to develop the energy agenda



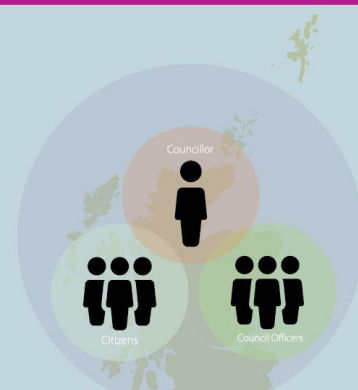
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The impact of financial localisation on neighbourhood services



Doing local politics: supplementary report

Centre and locality in Scottish politics
A report for APSE Scotland



Risk and commercialisation

A guide for local scrutiny councillors



Research themes

Planning and sustainability

Biodiversity and grassland management

Workforce matters

Rewilding burial grounds

Fleet transition issues

Sustainable futures for councils with islands

Advocacy

- APSE representative on the Executive Committee of Scottish Waste Industry Training, Competency and Health & Safety forum (SWITCH)
- APSE provides the secretariat for the Scotland Litter Managers Network with the next meeting on the 27th of November. [Click here](#) to register to attend
- APSE representatives on the IS/ SOLACE fleet procurement sub-group
- APSE is the secretariat to the All Party Parliamentary Group for School Food
- APSE representatives on the Scottish Government school nutrition roundtables
- Continued representation at Party Political Conferences
- Continuing to strengthen relationships with other organisations – attending COSLA next week in St Andrews (14-15 Nov) and represented APSE at the recent KSB event in Glasgow (29 oct)

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 two to three weeks.
- If you would like to send out a query, please contact Louise at Lmelville@apse.org.uk or call 01698 459051.

Example

RSC1485 – Fly tipping/ littering of nitrous oxide gas canisters

A member authority is experiencing a high volume of fly tipping/littering of large catering size nitrous oxide 'laughing gas' canisters. They would like to know if other authorities are facing the same issue, and if so, how they are managing it?

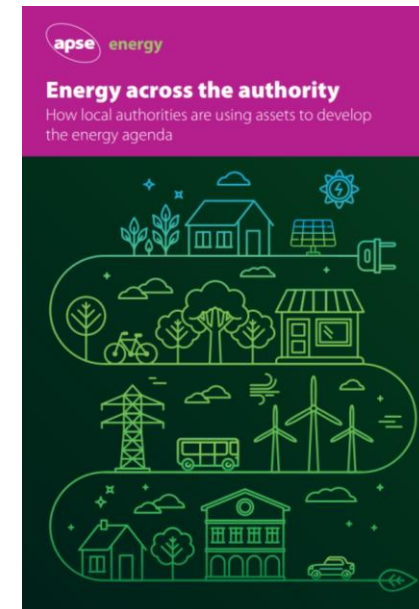
Performance Networks

- Performance Networks seminar taking place on the 4-5 December 2025. Please [click here](#) to access the programme and book to attend
- Awards finalists currently being contacted and validations under way
- You can access free training from the PN team regarding data template completion. For more information [click here](#)
- Performance reports and trend analysis can be accessed via the PN portal. Please [click here](#) to find out more
- APSE understands that local authorities are facing increasing pressures on resources and have a number of alternative reduced templates in order to make the process of completion as easy as possible

APSE Energy

APSE Energy service offers a range of briefings, publications and newsletters as well as in person and webinar events covering the Energy, Climate Change and Sustainability agenda.

Aiming to share the burden of this agenda across all services and managers by providing information that informs both those with specific energy and climate change responsibilities as well as wider service managers, officers and councillors. Information on membership is on the [APSE website](http://www.apse.org.uk).



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 Lucia Gervis, Client Coordination Officer - 0161 722 1810 or lgervis@apse.org.uk



UPCOMING COURSES



APSE Training: Waste and Recycling

Jump start your career or train up your team with
[Introduction to Waste Collection and Street Cleansing](#)
Wednesday 04 February 2026, 10:00 – 16:00

Keep yourself, your team, and the community safe with
[Health & Safety in Waste and Environmental Services](#)
Wednesday 26 & Thursday 27 November 2025, 09:00 – 12:00

Rid your streets of abandoned vehicles, with our brand-new course
[Principles of Managing Abandoned and Nuisance Vehicles](#)
Thursday 04 December 2025, 10:00 – 16:00



Scan the QR code to find out more about
all our courses or book your spot today!

Seminars

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Active Futures	Loughborough, 13 November 2025	More info
Southern Parks and Green Spaces	Oxford, 18 November 2025	More info
Central Communities and Neighbourhoods Seminar	Online, 18 November 2025	More info
Cemeteries and Crematoria Seminar	Sheffield, 20 November 2025	More info
Performance Networks Seminar	Blackpool, 4 & 5 December 2025	More info
Northern Building Resilient Communities Seminar	Online, 16 December 2025	More info
Facilities Catering and Cleaning Management Seminar	Stratford-upon-Avon, 5 & 6 February 2026	More info
Building and Housing Seminar	Glasgow, 5 and 6 March 2026	More info
Scotland Fleet, Waste and Grounds Seminar	Aviemore, 19 – 22 May 2026	More info

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