

# **Central Region Seminar and AGM**

## **Devolution and the opportunities for Local Government**



APSE Central Region **FREE** Seminar and AGM

**Wednesday 12 July 2017**

**Gedling Borough Council, Civic Centre, Arnot Hill Park, Arnold, Nottingham, NG5 6LU**

# Programme

9:30 Coffee, Breakfast pastries and registration

10:00 **Session one**

## Welcome from the Chair

### A Leaders Experience of Devolution

**Speaker:** Councillor John Clarke, Leader of Gedling Borough Council

### Devolution and the implications

- Road to devolution
- The Challenges to overcome
- The opportunities for Local Authority front line services

**Speaker:** Professor Colin Copus, Professor of Local Politics, De Montfort University, Politics and Public Policy

### The Role of the voluntary sector in the devolution.

- The benefit of the voluntary sector for Local authorities
- How local authorities can engage with the sector
- Good Practice examples of Local Authority and Voluntary Community Sector collaboration.

**Speaker:** Sharon Palmer – Regional Action West Midlands

11:15 Coffee break

11:35 **Session two**

### Taking an entrepreneurial approach in parks and streetscene services

- Supporting residents and local businesses to protect local environmental quality
- Using income from commercialisation as a route to protect services from the impact of austerity
- Creating a high quality local environment that is attractive to business and residents

**Speaker:** Melvyn Cryer, Manager of Parks and Street Care Services, Gedling Borough Council

### Combined Forestry Services Project

- Why collaborate? The background to the project
- Benefits, challenges and lessons learnt
- How the service has developed and opportunities for the future

**Speaker:** Chris Barr, Senior Waste and Recycling Officer, Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council.

### Innovation in the Local Authority Energy Sector

- Robin Hood Energy
- Addressing energy affordability, creating opportunities for partnership working and future plans
- APSE Energy aims and vision

**Speaker:** Vickie Hacking, Principal Advisor, APSE

12.45pm – APSE Central Annual General Meeting 2017

The APSE Central Region AGM will be your opportunity to vote for APSE's Central region chair and secretary and executive committee alongside delegates to APSE's national council.

The APSE Central Region audited accounts statement will also be presented to the meeting and a round-up of the year's regional activities. Please ensure your authority is represented at this meeting which is your chance to share in the governance of your APSE region.

13.15pm Lunch and Networking

### Gedling Borough Council Civic Centre Location Map



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## Seminar Objectives

The devolutionary agenda is taking shape, offering the potential of more powers for local areas and providing opportunities for collaborative working. This seminar will therefore explore the policy context of devolution; the challenges and opportunities for local authority front line services; and the role of the voluntary sector in devolution.

In addition and unique to APSE we will explore the role and opportunities for local government frontline services in the newly devolved areas. We will explore how local government frontline services can shape the way services are commissioned and delivered to support better outcomes in areas such as parks and street scene.

## Who should attend?

- Service Directors
- Managers and officers (grounds maintenance, green space, climate change and environmental services)
- Policy advisors, accountants and lawyers
- Performance Management officers
- Sustainability and environmental officers
- Trade Union representatives
- Contractors and suppliers
- Voluntary organisations

Reserve your place now by completing the booking form and faxing it or emailing it to Vicky Starmer at APSE on 0161 772 1810 or [vstarmer@apse.org.uk](mailto:vstarmer@apse.org.uk)

## The venue

### Gedling Borough Council

Civic Centre  
Arnot Hill Park  
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Please detail here any special delivery/access requirements for the delegates listed below:

**APSE issues a written confirmation for all delegates bookings received. If you have not received your confirmation letter within 5 working days of sending your booking form, then please contact APSE on 0161 772 1810.**

## Payment information

This event is FREE to attend to APSE central region members. Non-APSE members may attend at a cost of £139.00. The seminar includes a full delegate place and delegate pack, arrival coffee and registration, mid-morning break and a hot lunch. The seminar will allow delegates to network over lunch before the event closes at 2:00 pm.

### APSE central members: Free to attend

**APSE members (not central Region) £125 + VAT**

**Non-members delegate fee: £139 + VAT**

**Commercial organisations: £239 + VAT**

### Please indicate preferred method of payment (tick):-

VAT registration number 519 286 915

- Please find enclosed cheque (made payable to APSE)
- Please invoice

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Delegate name	Delegate Position	Delegate email

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