



# Next steps for the energy collaboration

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# **1. APSE ENERGY PROGRESS 2014/15**



# Our Vision



“The vision is to form an effective collaboration of a large number of local authorities to enable and facilitate the local municipalisation of energy services. ***By this we mean the public and community, as well as private, ownership and managerial control of local energy generation, distribution networks and delivery of energy efficiency works.*** Local authorities working together in this way would have great influence and would be able to deliver economies of scale in green energy to promote economic growth and combat fuel poverty.”



# Aims



The aims of **APSE energy** are to support councils to deliver the local municipalisation of energy services and in doing so:

- address social objectives and deliver community benefits, such as a reduction in fuel poverty and increases in jobs and skills;
- save money and make money for local authorities to safeguard local services.

# Services offered



- **Advocacy and brokerage**
  - Government
  - Energy industry
  - Partnerships
- **Capacity**
  - Strategic advice
  - Feasibility
  - Time banking arrangements
- **Knowledge**
  - Resource portal
  - Technical and policy updates
  - Free legal helpline
- **Learning**
  - Practical workshops
  - Round tables
  - Secure networking
  - Conferences and seminars

# Members of APSE Energy



1. Aberdeen City Council
2. Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council
3. Bradford City Council
4. Bridgend County Borough Council
5. Buckinghamshire County Council
6. Cardiff City Council
7. City of Edinburgh Council
8. Cumbria County Council
9. Darlington Borough Council
10. Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council
11. Derbyshire County Council
12. Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council
13. East Dunbartonshire Council
14. East Riding Council
15. Flintshire County Council
16. Gedling Borough Council
17. Guildford Borough Council
18. Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council
19. Lancaster City Council
20. Middlesbrough Council
21. Midlothian Council
22. Newcastle City Council
23. Nottingham City Council
24. Nottinghamshire County Council
25. North Ayrshire Council
26. Northumberland County Council
27. Oxford City Council
28. Peterborough City Council
29. Portsmouth City Council
30. Preston City Council
31. Reading Borough Council
32. Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council
33. Selby District Council
34. Stevenage Borough Council
35. Southampton City Council
36. South Lanarkshire Council
37. Stockton-On-Tees Borough Council
38. Swansea City and County Council
39. Wakefield Metropolitan District Council
40. Warwickshire County Council
41. Wolverhampton City Council
42. York City Council

# 1. Membership



## 1. Membership growth

April 2014	February 2015
32 local authorities	42 local authorities

## 2. By area

APSE Area	Total
Scotland	6
Wales	4
England	32

## 3. By type of authority

Type of authority	Total
Scottish Unitary	6
Welsh Unitary	4
English Metropolitan	9
English County	6
English Unitary	10
English District	7





## 2. Advocacy and brokerage



Building links with:

- Government Departments and political parties.
- The Commercial sector and trade bodies.
- The Community Energy Sector.
- The Universities and research partnerships.
- Professional organisations.





# 3. Capacity

- Energy Consultancy – 14 Projects in 2014/15:
  - Renewable energy strategy work;
  - Wind feasibility;
  - Ground mount solar;
  - Biomass/supply chain
  - Community energy study
- Capacity building fund to support Councils.
- Legal helpline through Walker Morris LLP.
- Exploring start up finance for projects.







# 4. Knowledge

- 24 member briefings issued throughout the year.
- 2 member newsletters.
- 5 policy/technical briefings.
  - APSE response to the DECCs ECO consultation
  - Community Energy Strategy
  - Shared Ownership Taskforce
  - Joint ventures for ground mount solar PV
  - Proposal for local authority grid hubs
- Survey on barriers to local authority involvement in municipal energy schemes.
- Research paper on local authorities and the energy retail market by Southampton University.



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## Municipal energy - Local leaders forum

### The role of political leadership in driving and facilitating local sustainable energy programmes

An APSE Energy workshop, taking place in Room 3.93 Hugh Aston Building, De Montfort University, Leicester, Wednesday 29 October 2014



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## APSE Energy workshop

### Energy Efficiency: Structures for local authorities

Free event for members of APSE Energy, taking place at Emirates Old Trafford, Lancashire Cricket Ground on Monday 7 July 2014

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## The Big Energy Summit

Thursday 26 February and Friday 27 February 2015  
Oulton Hall, Leeds



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## Where next for ECO?:

### The future for local authority retrofit programmes

An APSE Energy workshop, taking place at Riverside Stadium, Middlesbrough on 23 September 2014

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**apse Energy Wales official launch and workshop**

## Distributed Energy:

### An opportunity for Councils

APSE Energy Wales launch and workshop, taking place at Cardiff County Hall, Atlantic Wharf, Wednesday, 10 December 2014



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## APSE Energy Seminar

### From industrial legacy to future energy: Transforming the use of former industrial land for energy projects

Free event for members of APSE Energy and the Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire LAEP

Image: Hamburg Energy Hill

A working seminar organised by APSE Energy in partnership with the Town and Country Planning Association SPECIAL project and the Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Local Authority Energy Partnership (LAEP)

Thursday 3 July 2014, County Hall, Matlock, Derbyshire

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## Social finance for solar energy

### Approaches to financing large scale solar pv for local authorities and communities

A half day workshop organised in partnership with Gen Community and British Gas Solar, Thursday, 30 October 2014

Centrica British Gas, 1600 Parkway Court, John Smith Drive, Oxford, Oxfordshire OX4 2JY



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## Distributed Energy:

### An opportunity for Councils

APSE Energy workshop, taking place at Coin Street Neighbourhood Centre, 108 Stamford Street, South Bank, London, SE1 9NH, Monday 15 December 2014

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# 5. Learning

- Over 20 workshops, seminars and round tables for members of APSE Energy.
- Free to attend.
  - Options for energy supply with OVO Energy
  - Where next for ECO and Green Deal with YES
  - Social Finance for large scale solar PV with Gen Communities and British Gas Solar.
  - Local Leaders Forum with De Montfort University and the TCPA.
  - Using former industrial land for renewable energy projects with the Notss and Derbyshire LAEP and the TCPA SPECIAL project.
- The Big Energy Summit supported by British Solar Renewables, CHP and Brooks Development



# **2. 10 POINT ACTION PLAN FOR APSE ENERGY**

# 1. Membership



## Action 1 – Increase Membership

**To increase the membership of APSE Energy to 50+ local authorities in 2015/16.**

- Recruitment drive for new local authority members.
- Visits and meetings to councils.
- Exhibiting at trade shows/events.
- Other organisations i.e. housing associations



## 2. Advocacy

### Action 2 - Advocacy

To increase the number of sector wide strategic partnerships by a minimum of 2 organisations (i.e. industry, community energy, professional bodies).

### Action 3 - Advocacy

To develop effective working relationships with the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) and the Scottish and Welsh Government's in order to further the aims of APSE Energy.

### Action 4 - Advocacy

To promote models of municipal energy including local authority supply companies as a means of market entry for local authorities.





# 3. Capacity

## Action 5 - Capacity

To build up a technical and consultancy resource to support the delivery of energy related projects for APSE Energy members and local authorities.

## Action 6 - Capacity

To further map and identify relevant framework contracts and supply contracts which can be accessed by the members of APSE Energy.

## Action 7 - Capacity

To identify start up funding which can be utilised by APSE Energy members to support the planning and delivery of local energy efficiency and generation projects.



# 4. Knowledge



## Action 8 - Knowledge

**To build a secure members resource portal with a range of resources, tools, case studies documentation, discussion groups and forums which can be accessed by and for the benefit of the membership of APSE Energy.**

# 5. Learning



## Action 9 - Learning

To run 20+ workshops, roundtables and seminars free for the membership of APSE Energy in accessible locations on a range of current topics relevant to municipal energy.

## Action 10 - Learning

To organise an annual energy summit for the membership of APSE Energy.



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