

Climate and Ecological Emergency:

Building Back Better: Building Back Greener



Wednesday 9 and Thursday 10 September 2020
Online seminar 10:00 – 12:30 each day

Programme

Day one: Wednesday 9 September 2020

9:45 *Event opens online*

10:00 **Session 1:** The policy session: The emerging big policy issues

Chair: Cllr Jacqui Burnett, APSE Strategic Forum Chair

So you have declared a climate emergency: What next?

- APSE and NPI research findings
- Translating climate change declarations into effective plans
- Something is better than nothing! Making carbon savings today!

Paul O'Brien, APSE Chief Executive

The role of UK Local Councils in adapting to climate change?

- Vulnerability and exposure to climate change: The priority areas
- The role of adaptation and mitigation strategies through local authorities
- What changes could we expect post COVID?

Nick Jackson, Policy Officer, Climate Change Adaptation Team, DEFRA

Planning for the Future?

- An assessment of the climate change impact of 'Planning for the Future'
- What kind of planning framework should we be aiming for to support climate action in housing and developments?
- The trouble with the white paper!

Hugh Ellis, Policy Director, Town and Country Planning Association

Audience question and answer session

11:10 *Virtual coffee break*

11:20 **Session 2:** The Public Sector as an agent of change

Committee on Climate Change

- Update Report 2020
- How can we best support local councils?
- What support and funding is available?
- What do councils say they need as support from Government?

Louise Marix Evans, Advisor, Committee on Climate Change

City of York: Ten Year City Plan

- Collaboration with key partners to build back better
- Placing health, well-being and climate action at the heart
- An inclusive and green economy for York, with a people focused city centre

Cllr Keith Aspden, Leader of City of York Council

The role of Zero carbon markets and opportunities for savings

- Understanding Zero Carbon Market
- Unique reverse auction software drives down supplier margins
- Technology tendering of renewables and energy efficiency
- Risk & Contract Management

Mike Chan, Director, BEOND Group

APSE Energy and taking action on fossil fuels

- The role of renewable energy and energy efficiency in reducing carbon
- APSE Training's Carbon literacy training and its importance in understanding how we measure our actions
- What are others doing? Retrofits on housing and assets, Electric EV and more!

Charlotte Banks, Energy Research & Project Officer, APSE Energy

Audience question and answer session

12:30 *Close of day one*

Seminar Objectives

Day two: Thursday 10 September 2020

9:45 *Event opens online*

10:00 **Session 1**

Key note address: Department for Business, Energy and Industrial strategy

- Ending reliance on fossil fuels
- Supporting renewables and energy efficiency
- What actions can councils take now?

Patrick Allcorn, Head of Local Energy, Department for Business Enterprise and Industrial Strategy

Waste and Resources for Climate Change

- Waste and recycling in Stirling Council
- The zero waste Scotland approach so far
- Reducing waste to landfill
- Our approach to waste disposal and climate change initiatives

Veronica Formosa-Hamilton, Waste Disposal Team Leader, Environment and Place, Stirling Council

Transport planning for walkable and cyclable city centres

- Creating one-way systems and removing on-street parking
- Space for pedestrians and cyclists
- Embedding air quality improvements in a post-COVID city centre

Graham Grant, Head of Transport, Newcastle City Council

Audience question and answer session

11:10 *Virtual Coffee Break*

11:20 **Session 2: Blue Green Infrastructure**

Blue Belt for the UK

- Why the marine environment is needed for ecological balance
- What do we mean by 'Highly Protected Marine Areas'
- Investing in saltmarshes, meadows and peat to reduce climate impact
- The role of the wildlife trust marine conservation team and how councils can help us!

Tim Ferrero, Senior Specialist Marine Conservation, Wildlife Trust

Flood prevention and responses; An environment agency perspective

- The approach of the Environment Agency in managing flood risk
- The importance of planning and actions at a local level
- What can we expect in climate change terms for water and flood management?

Jenny Barlow, MIEMA CEnv, Flood Risk Management Advisor, Environment Agency

Green infrastructure: Protecting the natural world and to taking action for wildlife

- Developing a greater understanding of nature and rewilding
- Encouraging public action and participation through campaigning
- The climate and ecological benefits of protecting immersion in nature

Tony Da Silva, Landscape Restoration Officer, Lancashire Wildlife Trust

Audience question and answer session

12:30 *Close of day two*

Seminar information and booking details

About this seminar

This seminar follows APSE's series of policy seminars on Climate Change. Whether your council or organisation has declared a climate emergency or otherwise committed to reducing carbon and enhancing its environmental actions, this seminar will explore both the strategic policy issues, emerging from Government administrations across the UK, as well as the factors that will influence action at a frontline service level.

Bringing together speakers from UK Government departments including DEFRA and BEIS, and bringing forward an update on emerging evidence from the UK Committee on Climate Change this seminar will highlight the very latest developments. The seminar will also explore the practical actions taken by councils as we emerge from the health pandemic to re-establish action on the environment at a local, regional and global level. Topics include;-

- Energy efficiency and renewables
- Blue-Green Infrastructure including protecting the coastal marine environment
- Flood alleviation and warning systems
- Air quality and local walking and cycling routes
- Resource and waste management
- The Planning White Paper: Weaknesses in securing environmental improvements
- Developing post-COVID inclusive economy strategies to tackle climate change

Who should attend?

This event provides a learning opportunity for all those involved in frontline services as well as the strategic and policy issues which impact on climate and ecological issues. All delegates will receive a digital delegate pack, access to the presentations post event through a download link, a post-event certificate of attendance (which can be used to demonstrate continuous development and learning) as well as a video show-reel from the event highlights. This event will be suitable for elected councillors, leaders, local government managers, chief officers and heads of service as well as trade union representatives and other organisations that work collaboratively with councils or combined authorities on climate change and environmental issues.

The seminar will allow delegates to take part in Q&A sessions with our panels of expert speakers either using the online chat function or through audio-video connections.

You will need access to the internet to take part and an audio connection, ideally with a video / web cam too. A joining link will be sent after you register to attend with full instructions a few days before the event and we will issue a reminder of the joining link to you before the event takes place.

Delegate Packages Exclusive of VAT

What's included?

The delegate fee covers attendance, and documentation including a video showreel following the event.

APSE member delegate fee:	£179 + VAT
Non member delegates fee:	£265 + VAT
Commercial delegates:	£379 + VAT

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