

APSE National Building and Housing Seminar 2025

"Embedding climate change in the services"

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Embedding climate change in the services

What does that mean? Why do it? How do you do it?

It isn't easy...







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a n c e 'Climate' Emergency. 'Financial' Emergency. 'Covid' Emergency. 'Energy price rise' Emergency. 'Town Centre' Emergency. 'Cost of living' Emergency

'Major accident on A74' Emergency. 'Gas explosion in council house' Emergency. 'Kid needs immediate re-homing' Emergency

Time.





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What do you see as the most/other important issues facing Britain today?



Base: 1,010 British adults 18+, 7 - 13 August 2024





So we need action within our local authorities and we need data to do it.

APSE Energy approach
1. Carbon Baseline
2. Trajectory to a net zero date
3. Energy audits for buildings
4. Build into action plans
5. Heat Decarbonisation Plans

Data is fundamental to all stages...



- Assets the obvious ones
- homes, civic/commercial buildings, land, vehicles

Less obvious

- people, knowledge, data, money, buying power, reputation, attitude



Asset example – West Suffolk Solar

Solar on 3rd party commercial properties Business interest Income generation Council leadership



Asset example – Lancaster Salt Ayre

Leisure centre LA's biggest emitter by far Big investment in heat pumps, LEDs, fabric Solar farm nearby Circumstances re waste disposal site. £6.8m Salix Finance.







Example – Gedling Corporate

Changes to Employee/Manager/Leader Standards to include climate in our behaviours - behavioural standards demonstrates commitment for all staff to be part of the journey.

A corporate 'Environmental Policy Statement'. demonstrate commitment to fulfil its ambitions in relation to zero carbon emissions and delivery of the Carbon management Strategy

New 'corporate Environment group' established. Chaired by Director responsible for Environment progress corporate actions & deliver carbon management strategy/AP with all Heads of Service

Carbon Literacy Training to members, Senior Leadership team, Heads of Service and Managers. Mandatory climate e- learning for all staff.

Inclusion of specific section in performance development reviews. All staff select a climate action they pledge to undertake over the year. Opportunity to suggest initiatives.

A Climate Impact Assessment mandatory for all proposals. **www.apse.org.uk**



Example – Nottingham – car ports

Leisure centres Energy used on site Income from advertising Leadership

Bi-directional EV chargers and battery at the depot.

















Example – Cambridge and S Cambridgeshire Waste Fleet

45 RCVs producing 70% of Council's emissions. Invested in 4 eRCVs.

20 RCVs using Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO). Issues of grid capacity for EV chargers at the deport – solar farm on adjacent land.

A long term plan.





Proposed WREN site and Waterbeach depot.



Viability

New housing Ideal opportunity – at build not retrofit

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Knowes Housing Association – Clydebank 350 Solar PV & 105 External Wall Insulation





Energy audits

- detailed site surveys
- existing condition and usage, emissions, problems
- options for decarbonisation
- estimate of costs of new investment
- estimate of new electricity demand
- estimate of emissions following new investment



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1	Preliminaries	£19,0	00
2	ASHP and Plant Room		
	Construction Compound	£79,0	00
	Heating Air Source Heat Pump(s)	£239,0	00
	Acoustic Attenuation	£29,0	00
	Buffer Vessel(s)	£8,0	00
	Heating Primary Pump(s)	£26,0	00
	Heating Secondary Pump(s)	£32,0	00
	Pressurisation Unit(s) & Expansion Vessel(s)	£5,0	00
	Plant Room Pipework, Valves, & Ancillaries	£55,0	00
	Automatic Controls, Control Panel & BMS	£60,0	00
	Electrical Works	£24,0	00
	Interconnecting Pipework to Plant Room	£10,0	00
	Builders' Work	£27,0	00

3	HEATING DISTRIBUTION	
	Removal of Existing Building Plant & Equipment	£27,000
	Heat Emitters (Radiators)	£32,000
	Distribution Pipework	£74,000
	New AHU Heating Coils	£20,000
	Heat Exchangers for Pools	£28,000
4	Upgrading Main Incoming Electrical Supply	£122,810
5	Testing & Commissioning	£10,000
	Demonstration & Training	£2,000
	Record Information	£3,500
6	Contingency Sum	£94,000
7	Works Budget Total	£1,026,310
8	Design Fees	£93,000
	Project Management Fees	£47,000
9	Project Budget Total	£1,166,310









Recommendations – ASHP, LED lights, double glazing.





Help! I need somebody...

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