

APSE Building and Housing Advisory Group

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Chatelherault Country Park, Hamilton

Briefings

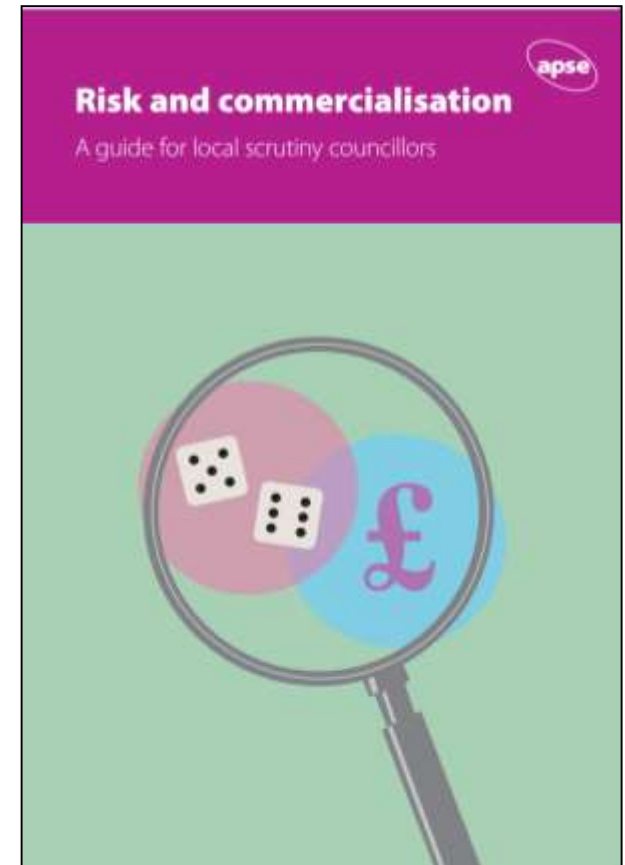
- 19-19 Review of Crematoria Provision and Facilities – Government Response
- 19-18 Cemeteries and Crematoria – State of the Market 2019
- 19-17 Single-Use Plastics Policy
- 19-16 Resources and Waste Strategy (2018) Housing, Communities and Local Government Select Committee inquiry into the impacts on local authorities
- 19-15 Frontline Initiatives to Tackle Worsening Outcomes in Childhood
- 19-14 Consultation on Good Food Nation Proposals for Legislation

Research

Risk and commercialisation A guide for local scrutiny councillors

This report by APSE and the Centre for Public Scrutiny (CfPS) discusses the ways in which scrutiny can engage with issues arising from commercial activity. The report explores the current landscape around commercialisation, and provides a toolkit and guide for councils to help build their own bespoke, locally-relevant governance and scrutiny systems for commercial activity.

A [free PDF](#) is available on the APSE website.

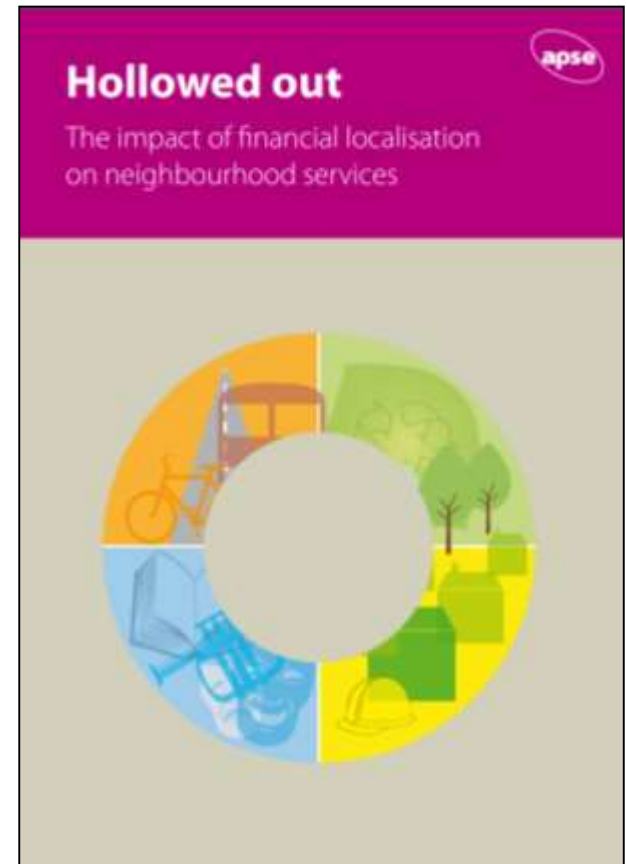


Research

Hollowed out: The impact of financial localisation on neighbourhood services

A new report by APSE and the New Policy Institute (NPI) considers the prospects for the **'neighbourhood services'** provided by local government. Neighbourhood services are mainly those provided by local government apart from social care and education, that is: highways and transportation; environmental and regulatory service; cultural and related services; and planning and development.

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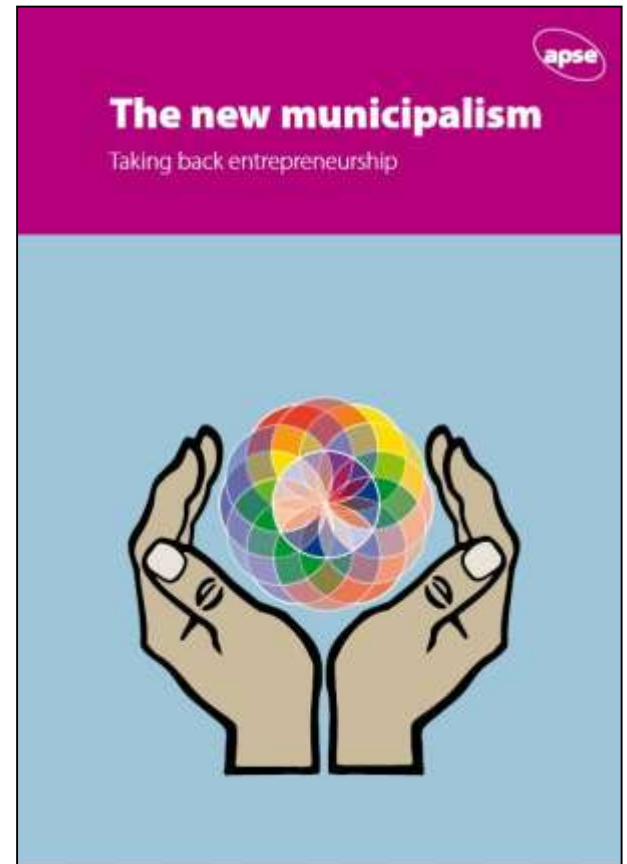
Research

The new municipalism: Taking back entrepreneurship

APSE's latest research examines the initiatives and the emerging practices of municipal entrepreneurialism.

This report explores genuinely innovative ways of working to demonstrate how local authorities are intervening in markets to deliver outcomes that go beyond financial benefits.

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Upcoming Research

Housing publication with Town and County Planning Association	May 2019
Local government finance with New Policy Institute	June 2019
Directors / Head of Service research with De Montfort University	June 2019
<u>Other publications planned on:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public health• Digital• Waste• Inclusive economies• Systems leadership• Developing new elected members• Brexit	

APSE and ITN Productions

Promoting Excellence (2016)

This programme looks at the role that local authorities play in building sustainable communities.



Redefining neighbourhoods: Beyond austerity (2017)

This programme looks at how austerity has driven a change towards self-sustaining investment and into new territory for councils.



Future Communities: Greener, Cleaner, Smarter (2018)

This programme shows the importance of new approaches that give direct and indirect benefits to local communities.



Advocacy

- APSE Representative on the Executive Committee of Scottish Waste Industry Training, Competency and Health & Safety Forum (SWITCH)
- Steering Group for Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse – Zero Waste Scotland / Scottish Government
(Also hosting the Litter Managers Network meetings)
- Chief Executive is a member of the Department for Communities and Local Government Parks Action Group
- APSE is the secretariat to the All Party Parliamentary Group for School Food

Advocacy (2)

- **APSE Representatives have been part of Scottish Government's** Nursery Milk Scheme Short-Term Working Group
- Continued representation at Party Political Conferences
- Continuing to strengthen relationships with other organisations
- Recent BBC Radio interviews with senior members of staff
- **Segment on BBC's Countryfile on the Parks State of the Market**

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

Example – HBM0444 Placement of fire extinguishers in communal areas

A member authority is currently reviewing the placement of fire extinguishers in the communal areas / flat corridors from sheltered accommodation schemes with a view to removing them. 1. What approach has been adopted at your authorities? 2. Why has the approach been put in place?

Performance Networks

- Web portal – The web portal has been redesigned to include individual logins and will enable more reports and analysis to be uploaded to the APSE website
- New database – APSE continues to work with CAMMS to develop a new database for Performance Networks
- New Service available for all local authorities – CORPORATE SERVICES

APSE Energy

- Now have 82 local authority members (17 in Scotland)
- New publications
 - [On Street Residential Charging for Electric Vehicles](#)
 - [The economics of energy projects for local authorities](#)
- APSE Energy Views blog is now live [on the website](#)
- Energy consultancy is available with a preferential rate for members of APSE and APSE Energy. Contact Phil at 07796 301502 or by e-mail at pbrennan@apse.org.uk



APSE 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 Emma Taylor, Client Coordination Officer - 0161 722 1810 or etaylor@apse.org.uk

APSE Training in Scotland

Supervisory Skills for Team Leaders in Frontline Services	15/05/2019	Glasgow	More info
Project Management in Local Government	20/08/2019	Glasgow	More Info
Improving your Written Communication Skills	17/06/2019	Glasgow	More info
Role of Facilities Manager	06/08/2019	Glasgow	More Info

APSE Seminars

Scottish Fleet, Waste and Grounds seminar	Aviemore, 14 to 17 May 2019	More info
Southern Future Focus seminar	London, 6 June 2019	More info
Transport seminar	Birmingham, 13 June 2019	More Info
Policy seminar	TBC, July 2019	Info coming soon
APSE Annual seminar	Newcastle, 11 to 12 September 2019	Info coming soon
Winter Maintenance seminar	Bradford, 4 October 2019	Info coming soon

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Delivering for local people and local economies

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