

APSE Parks, Grounds and Streets Advisory Group

30th October 2019

Whitehill Service Centre, Bathgate

Briefings

- **19-36 Building Maintenance and Housing - State of the Market 2019**
- **19-35 National Food Strategy – A Call For Evidence**
- **19-34 APSE National Housing and Building Maintenance Awards – A showcase of previous winners**
- **19-33 Allotments – State of the Market 2019**
- **19-32 Glyphosate – Where do local authorities stand?**
- **19-31 Refuse Collection and Recycling - State of the Market 2019**
- **19-30 Definition of Affordable Housing in Northern Ireland**
- **19-29 Healthy School Rating Scheme**

Research

Housing for a fairer society: The role of councils in ensuring stronger communities

APSE's latest report with the TCPA exposes the impact of permitted development rights as a potential threat to the health and wellbeing of residents. The report also finds that 59% of UK councils report 'severe' shortages of affordable housing.

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

Housing for a fairer society

The role of councils in ensuring stronger communities



Research

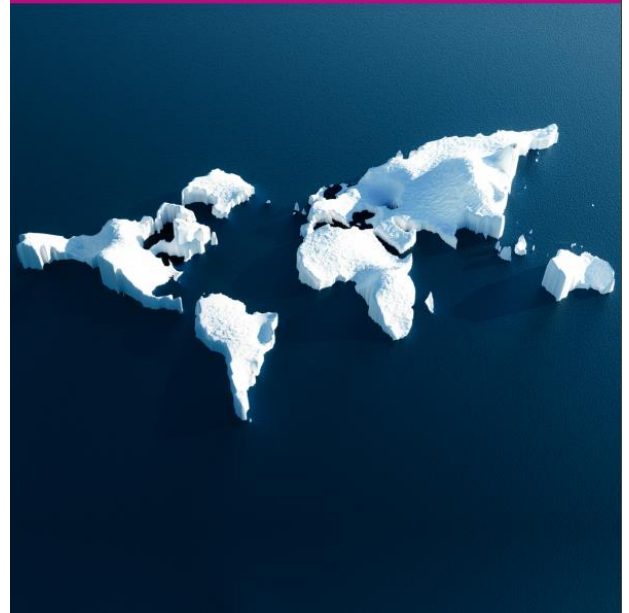
Local Authority Climate Emergency Declarations

You can download a summary report of a new APSE Energy research paper 'Local authority climate emergency declarations' as featured in the Guardian which provides an understanding of what declaring a climate emergency can do, when to use it and how it can be used in the context of local councils.

A [free summary report PDF](#) is available on the APSE website. The full report is available for APSE Energy members.

Local Authority Climate Emergency Declarations

Strategic and practical considerations for climate emergency declarations, targets and action plans



Research

Neighbourhood services and sustainable local government

We find that over the nine years from 2009/10 resources devoted to neighbourhood services across Britain fell 27 per cent representing a total of £8.9bn in 2017/18 prices. This is against the background of a real fall in total UK local government spending over the same period of 19 per cent demonstrating that neighbourhood services have taken a bigger share of austerity than other council services.

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

Neighbourhood services
and sustainable local
government



Research

Ensuring the leadership of the new municipalism

APSE's latest report examines how chief officers in local authorities are experiencing the shifting landscape of local government and how they are making sense of its leadership challenges. Being a relatively neglected corps of actors in local government, this report aims to throw light on an important role; one that is often charged with driving forward transformational change and exercising local stewardship.

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

Ensuring the leadership of the new municipalism



Research

Rebuilding Capacity: The case for insourcing public contracts

This research explores the growing phenomenon of 'Insourcing'; bringing back 'in-house' the delivery of services. It takes a focus on UK local government services and questions the drivers for this increase in insourcing. It finds that insourcing is not a passive reaction to contract failures but is increasingly viewed as a proactive response to the public policy pressures facing local councils, not least the ongoing impact of austerity. [Free PDF.](#)

Rebuilding Capacity

The case for insourcing public contracts



Upcoming Research

- **Local Government Finance with New Policy Institute**
- **Directors / Heads of Service research with De Montfort University**
- **Inclusive economies**
- **Brexit**
- **21st Century Parks Manager with Dr Nicola Carroll**
- **Parks Finance with New Policy Institute**
- **Borderlands economic development with NILGA**
- **Scottish neighbourhood services with New Policy Institute**

APSE and ITN Productions

Promoting Excellence (2016)

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

You 

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.

You 

Future Communities: Greener, Cleaner, Smarter (2018)

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

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Advocacy

- **APSE launched its Local Government Commission 2030**
- **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 are part of Scottish Government's Nursery Milk Scheme Short-Term Working Group**
- **APSE representatives on the Healthy Eating in Schools Guidance Scottish Government review 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 – GM0703 – Dealing with Japanese Knotweed complaints

A member authority is starting to receive an increasing number of complaints and claims alleging a failure to maintain or control Japanese Knotweed and other invasive species and allowing its migration onto neighbouring land. We would be interested in any formal or informal policies and/or procedures as to how other authorities deal with the invasive species problem and how complaints and claims have been dealt with.

Performance Networks

- **Corporate services benchmarking – has been added as one of the service areas**
- **Market operations – has been added as one of the service areas**
- **Northern Ireland project – new service areas including Planning, Economic Development, Building Control, Community Development and Arts and Heritage.**
- **Roads and highways – working with the Direct Management Group highways group to bring their data reporting into performance networks**
- **Land Audit Management System – launched the monitoring app**
- **New web portal and new database**

APSE Energy

- **95 members in the UK (18 in Scotland)**
- **Upcoming events**
 - **Climate change approaches, impacts and emergencies, 15th November, Southampton**
 - **Warrington Day, 21st November, Manchester**
- **Recent publications**
 - **Local Authority Climate Emergency Declarations**
 - **Energy Across the Authority 2019**
 - **On Street Residential Charging for Electric Vehicles**
 - **The economics of energy projects for local authorities**
 - **ECO funding for local authorities**

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

Supporting Safer Communities	Glasgow	29/11/19	More info
Improving customer service at the front line	Glasgow	22/01/20	More info
Principles of Roads and Highways Management	Glasgow	03/02/20	More info
Developing and Delivering a Commercial Strategy	Glasgow	19/02/20	More info
Project Management in Local Government	Glasgow	24/02/20	More info
Health and Safety in Waste and Environmental Services	Glasgow	04/03/20	More info
Supervisory Skills for Team Leaders in Frontline Services	Glasgow	19/03/20	More info
Improving Customer Service at the Front Line	Glasgow	25/03/20	More info

APSE Seminars

APSE Central: Regeneration – Reviving our city and town centres	6 November, Birmingham	<u>Book now</u>
Sports and Leisure Seminar	7 November, Loughborough	<u>Book now</u>
Cemeteries and Crematoria Seminar	15 November, Crewe	<u>Book now</u>
Southern Region Parks and Open Spaces Seminar	19 November, London	<u>Book now</u>
Scottish Soft FM Seminar	19 November, Bellshill	<u>Book now</u>
Northern Region Forum – Downton to down town	22 November, Warrington	<u>Book now</u>
Performance Networks Seminar	3-4 December, Blackpool	<u>Book now</u>
Scottish Fleet, Waste & Grounds Seminar	12-15 May 2020, Aviemore	More info to follow

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