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APSE Northern Ireland Online Event for Members: Wednesday 3 June

Emerging from the Pandemic: Where to now for action on Climate Change in Northern Ireland?

Todays Speaker

Opening Welcome Cllr Terry Andrews, APSE Northern Ireland Chair

Panel 1

 Mo Baines, APSE Head of Communications and Professor John Barry, QUB and Co-Chair of Belfast Climate Commission

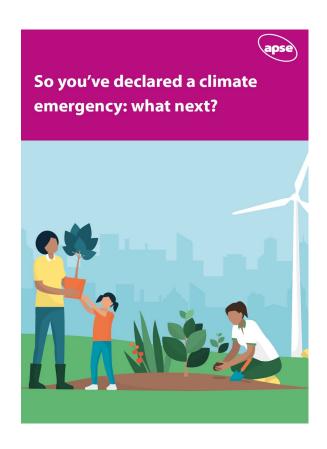
Panel 2

- Karen Smyth, Nilga, Head of Policy
- Stephen Jones, Climate NI, Policy Officer

APSE News Round: Fiona Sutton-Wilson, APSE Head of Training and Phil Brennan, Head of APSE Energy

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The Research



The purpose

- Declarations into positive actions
- Practical help for our member councils
- Realistic approaches to support frontline services

A word about the scope of declarations

- Scope: Is this your own operations, own operations and those of your suppliers / contractors or whole area or region?
- What does a good action plan look like?

Cornwall: detail; timelines; operations plan; facilitation plan

 In-house capacity across council: understanding of the issues (carbon literacy) business cases, project management, funding and finances, data collection, progress monitoring

Recommendations: Drawn from the CCC priorities for the 2020s

- Energy efficiency of buildings heat accounts for 33% of all emissions
- Public awareness of need for change giving up natural gas
- Faster growth of low-carbon electricity and better grid
- Big rise in EV market share and local and national infrastructure
- A step increase in tree-planting (but management an issue!)
- Better diets; more walking and cycling has COVID-19 delivered a benefit already here?
- An end to biodegradable waste to landfill (the NI waste and resources strategy)

Recommendations: Near-term council actions

- Energy efficiency of own estate
- Electricity generation
- Low-carbon vehicles
- Personal mobility esp. re staff
- Procurement
- Nature
- Waste management

Climate Change

Next Speaker: Professor John Barry, QUB and Co-chair, Belfast Commission on