

The Big Energy Summit 2018

Making the most of energy



Thursday 8th and Friday 9th March 2018

Chesford Grange Hotel and Spa
Kenilworth Road, Kenilworth
Warwickshire, CV8 2LD

Programme

Thursday 8th March

09:30 Registration

10:00 Welcome

10:35 **Session 1 - The Bigger Picture**

Introduction

Phil Brennan, Head of APSE Energy

A view from BEIS

- A continuing recession?
- Industrial and Clean Growth Strategies
- Brexit impacts

Speaker: Patrick Allcorn, Head of Local Energy, BEIS

Scotland leading the way

- Scottish Futures Trust programmes - impacts and benefits
- Support from central strategy
- A 'place based approach'

Speaker: Jamie Goth, Associate Director, Scottish Futures Trust

11:15 Break

The energy agenda in Wales

- Defining a policy context
- The role for collaboration and Welsh authorities
- Projects and progress

Speaker: Jennifer Pride, Head of Renewable Energy, Welsh Government

What about the national grid?

- The role of the national grid - now and in the future
- Investment plans, costs and impacts
- How councils can get the most out of the grid

Speaker: David Smith, Chief Executive, Energy Networks Association

13:00 Lunch

13:45 **Session 2 - Making it Happen**

Benchmarking your energy prices

- The challenges of buying in the energy market
- An opportunity for making savings?

Speaker: Jeremy Martin, Energy and Sustainability Manager, Southend Borough Council

Energy projects and state aid rules

- Overview of state aid
- Grant applications
- Exemptions

Speaker: Kate Webster, Director, Walker Morris Solicitors

Storage: What are your options?

- Progress with batteries
- Applying the technology
- Related products and services

Speaker: Ray Noble, APSE Energy Associate

14:45 Break

15:00 **Workshops**

Workshop 1: Focusing on a commercial approach to Nottingham

- Commercial prompts
- Projects, projects, projects!
- Addressing behaviour change

Speaker: Gordon Thomson, Director of Commercial Infrastructure and Energy, and Wayne Bexton, Head of Energy Projects, Nottingham City Council

Workshop 2: EVs and Charging in Oxford

- Prompts and aims of the charging pilot
- Practical issues of on-street charging
- Changing how we energise our vehicles

Speaker: Elizabeth Bohun, Environmental Sustainability Projects Officer, Oxford City Council

Workshop 3: The big issues in establishing a white label energy supplier for local authorities in the future?

- Volatility of the energy market, new entrants and ethics
- Can you cover your costs with domestic gas and energy alone?
- Fairerpower's latest procurement for new services

Speaker: Sophie Thorley, Energy Commissioning Manager, The Skills and Growth Company

16:10 **Session 3 - Delivery Models**

Energy Service Companies and White Labels

- Flavour of the month or long term solution?
- Getting an ESCO up and running
- Alternative models and approaches

Speaker: Steve Cirell, APSE Energy Associate

17:15 Close of day one

19:00 **Pre dinner drinks**

19:30 **The Big Energy Summit Dinner**

A Parliamentary update on our energy future

Speaker: Dr Alan Whitehead MP, Shadow Energy and Climate Change Minister

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Friday 9th March

09:30 **Session 4 - Influence and Regulation**

Making the pledge - UK:100

- Influencing the policy debate
- 100% clean energy by 2050
- Making the most of your political clout

Speaker: Polly Billington, Director, UK:100

A Councillor perspective

- Pushing energy up the political agenda
- Getting your own way!
- Experience from Europe

Speaker: Cllr Chris McEwan, Darlington Borough Council

Working with the regs!

- Current policy and approaches from Ofgem
- Latest regulations

Speaker: Chris Brown, Head of Care and Emerging Policy, Ofgem

10:30 **Workshops**

Workshop 4: The Warrington approach

- Investment in energy
- What is an asset?
- Expected benefits

Speaker: Danny Mather, Head of Corporate Finance, Warrington Borough Council

Workshop 5: Switching suppliers

- Lessons from a real switcher
- The local authority role

Speaker: Dr Richard Williams, Southampton University

Workshop 6: Have you done all you can with energy efficiency?

- The wider benefits of energy efficiency
- Opportunities through ECO and other schemes
- Capacity issues

Speaker: Duncan McCombie, Chief Executive, YES Energy Solutions

11:15 Break

11:45 **Session 5**

Building passivhaus homes

- The practicalities of delivering
- Expected benefits and the tenant challenge
- 'Homes as power stations'

Speaker: Chris Cutforth, Capital Works Manager, City and County of Swansea

What has the community energy sector ever done for us?

- The benefits of working with the community energy sector
- How to engage better
- A couple of examples

Speaker: Emma Bridge, Chief Executive Officer, Community Energy England

Do it yourself or buy it in - how's your capacity?

- What you can do and what you can't?
- Getting the most from your supplier
- The DECENTRAL programme

Speaker: Dr Nina Skorupska CBE, Chief Executive, Renewable Energy Association

Closing comments

12:45 Lunch

13:45 Close of Summit

About the seminar

The BIG Energy Summit has grown to be an important event in the energy diary over the last few years. It is the only energy event designed specifically for local authorities which focuses solely on the requirements, context and opportunities for the sector. The content for the event is designed specifically for a local authority audience and there will be a range of senior councillors and officers in attendance who will provide the chance for networking and sharing of experience and expertise about energy related projects and policies in place across a number of local councils.

The theme of the Summit is **'Making the most of Energy'** with the intention being to inform delegates about the wider context of the energy agenda as well as hearing from experts who can explain the factors, issues and priorities councils must focus on to make the most of the energy agenda and move towards the APSE Energy vision of 'the municipalisation of energy'. Speakers will be industry experts with lots of experience within the local government sector whilst case studies will show specific project based practical detail and provide an opportunity for questions and discussion.

Those benefitting from attending will include officers and councillors with responsibilities such as sustainability, energy management, climate change, energy efficiency, assets and property, renewable energy projects, regeneration, service delivery models and policy development – in other words those looking to drive their local authority forward through innovation and new approaches.

APSE Energy members are entitled to **2 FREE places** at the summit. (including all delegate fees, hotel costs and meals) and we suggest that a senior officer and elected member from each member attend. As places will be limited by the venue capacity, member authorities are urged to book attendance immediately.

Booking form

APSE Energy Big Energy Summit, 8th and 9th March 2018, Chesford Grange Hotel, Kenilworth

contact name: authority:

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Please detail any special dietary or access requirements for the delegates listed below (including vegetarian/vegan)

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Payment information

APSE Energy Member

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(We suggest 1 Senior Officer and 1 Elected Member)

APSE Energy member additional places **£209.00 + VAT**

What's included: The delegate fee covers attendance on both days, delegates documentation, lunches and light refreshment, dinner and accommodation on the evening of 8th March

APSE Member

APSE Member (but not a member of APSE Energy) **£499.00 + VAT**

Non-APSE Member

Non-APSE member local authority **£599.00 + VAT**

Accommodation rates

Accommodation for the evening of Thursday 8th March is included as part of the free delegate place.

Accommodation for the evening of Wednesday 7th March is charged at **£80 + VAT**



The Venue

Chesford Grange Hotel and Spa is a four star hotel located in the beautiful town of Kenilworth on the banks of the River Avon. Parking is complimentary.

The hotel is accessible from the M40 and M69, with Warwick train station four miles away and Leamington Spa station eight miles away. For delegates flying to the summit, Birmingham International Airport is eighteen miles away.

Please indicate preferred method of payment (tick): VAT registration number **519 286 915**

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