

# The New Power of General Competence for Welsh Local Government

APSE Strategic Forum - A **FREE** event for APSE Wales members



**Wednesday 17 March 2021**

14:00 - 16:00      Microsoft Teams

# Programme

14:00

Welcome by the Chair

**Cllr Andrea Lewis, Cabinet Member, - Homes, Energy & Service Transformation (Joint Deputy Leader) Swansea Council and APSE Strategic Forum Chair**

## Session One

### **The New Power of General Competence for Wales**

- What falls within the scope of the new power?
- How does this impact on charging and trading for income generation?
- Limitations, exceptions and reserve powers to Ministers
- Do you need a trading company to exercise the power?
- What are the main considerations for local councils in Wales?

**Mo Baines, APSE Head of Communication and Coordination**

#### **Panel discussion**

An opportunity for delegates to pose questions to the panel and share thoughts and ideas.

**Paul O'Brien, APSE Chief Executive and Rob Bailey, APSE Principal Advisor for Wales**

15:00 *Virtual coffee break*

15:10

## Session Two

### **Planning to charge or trade in your services**

- What should your strategy consider?
- Analysing your service: is it Match-Fit?
- The importance of a business case
- Developing a market analysis

**Andy Mudd, Head of APSE Solutions**

#### **Panel discussion**

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**Mo Baines, APSE Head of Communication and Coordination, and Andy Mudd, Head of APSE Solutions**

Closing remarks from Cllr Andrea Lewis, APSE Strategic Forum Chair

16:00 *Forum close*



## About this Forum

APSE Briefing 21-11 outlines the new Local Government and Elections Act Wales 2021 including the much-awaited new General Power of Competence. This FREE online event, open to APSE member councils in Wales will explore the new power, how it could be used and the opportunities and challenges for frontline services.

With expert speakers alongside panel discussions with delegates this event - Free for APSE Wales members - will provide a good overview of the issues for local council chief executives, senior directors and service managers as well as local elected leaders and trade union representatives.

## Online access

This event will be hosted using MS Teams. Joining instructions will be provided to delegates who will need internet access and audio or audio / visual functions on their chosen device.

The Forum will allow delegates to take part in Q&A sessions with our panels of expert speakers either using the online chat function or through audio-video connections.

You will need access to the internet and an audio connection to take part, ideally with a video/web cam. A joining link will be sent after you register to attend with full instructions a few days before the event and we will issue a reminder of the joining link to you before the event takes place.

### Delegate Packages Exclusive of VAT

#### What's included?

*The delegate fee covers attendance, and documentation.*

APSE member delegate fee:	<b>FREE</b>
Non member delegates fee:	<b>£179 + VAT</b>
Commercial delegates:	<b>£229 + VAT</b>

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