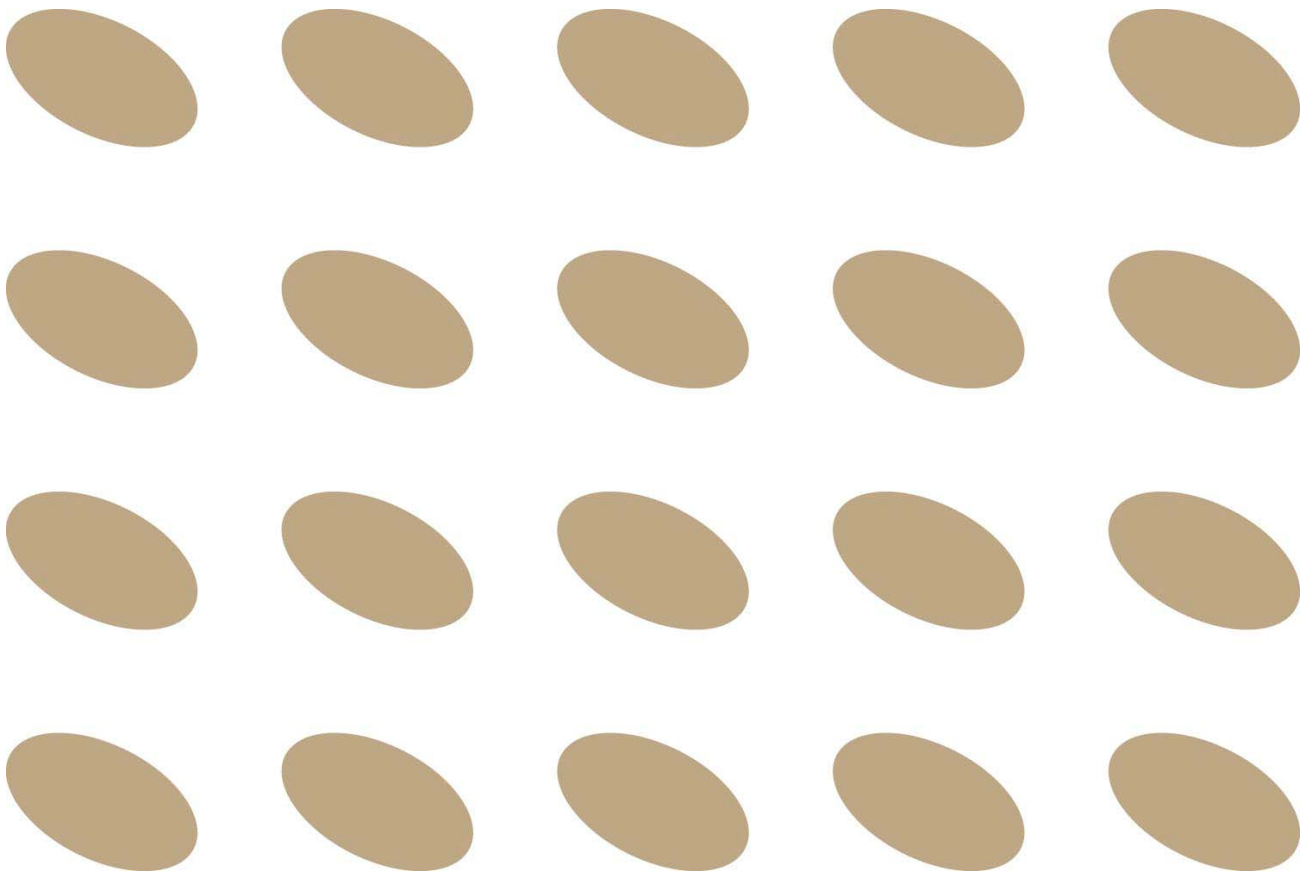




# The Localism Act

- *What's it all about?*

30 May 2012, Leeds – Walker Morris



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## Introduction

APSE, in conjunction with Walker Morris Solicitors, is pleased to offer a new Masterclass on the Localism Act 2011. The Act will come into force in stages during 2012 and will impact on services authority wide.

The aim of this event is to give delegates a full understanding of the Act and how it could affect your frontline services

The sessions will cover:

- Why a Localism Bill? – an overview of what it covers
- Practical focus on the impact of some parts of the Act on your service
- The impact on charging and trading
- The general power of competence
- Right to Challenge
- Right to Buy
- Likely impacts and outcomes / some tips and issues to consider
- Key legal issues to consider

## Who will benefit?

This Act will impact on services across a local authority and will benefit senior managers, front line service managers, procurement officers, elected members, trade union officials plus anyone who is interested in the wider implications for their authority.

## What's included?

Course fees include delegates' documentation and course material including case studies, suggested practices and appropriate toolkits and templates, lunch and refreshments. Please note that the fee does not include hotel accommodation.

## Trainers

The sessions will be delivered by Julie Muscroft from Walker Morris solicitors, and Principal officers from APSE.

## Julie Muscroft – Commercial Group- Public Sector and Projects

Julie is a Partner in Walker Morris's Public Sector and Projects Team. Previously Julie spent 12 years working in Local Government specialising during that time on economic development initiatives including companies, partnerships,

Part V, Local Government and Housing Act 1989, commercial contracts, local government finance and vires. She worked mainly on large projects of a commercial nature including the tendering of local government professional services and advising on various joint venture arrangements.

Julie has extensive knowledge of local government law gained from her time at Kirklees Metropolitan Council and Sheffield City Council. Through this she has gained valuable public sector experience and has an in-depth knowledge and understanding of the legal framework within which local government and public sector clients operate.

She regularly works with the Association for Public Service Excellence (“APSE”) on different Best Value projects, looking at options appraisals, partnerships and procurement and writes articles for the APSE Direct News publication. She has spoken at a number of seminars on Local Government Procurement and PPP issues.

### **Jan Kennedy - APSE**

Jan Kennedy is the Principal Trainer for APSE and has responsibility for APSE training. Jan has a background in training and development, firstly as an executive training officer in central government where she gained her CIPD in Training & Development.

She moved to local government in 1999 where she joined Liverpool City Council as a member of the corporate training team. Jan has experience of managing and delivering a wide range of training and development including Liverpool’s One Stop Shop training programme.

Prior to joining APSE Jan managed the Lifelong Learning Employability curriculum in Adult and Community Education. Jan holds a Certificate in Post 16 Education and a CLAIT Advanced in ICT.

Jan is also qualified in level A and level B psychometric testing.

Since joining APSE Jan regularly delivers training on a range of topics including Project Management, Marketing, Supervisory skills and leadership, and Service Level Agreements. Jan also co-delivers on the current Master Classes on Health and Safety.

### **Duration**

1 day event: Start time: **9.30 am** Finish time: **4.30 pm**

### **Continuing professional development (CPD) points accreditation**

Delegates who attend the course will be able to earn CPD Points towards their certification areas.

## Programme outline

09.15 - 09.30	Registration and refreshments
09.30 – 09.45	Domestics and Course Objectives
09.45 – 10.30	<b>Introduction (APSE)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Overview of policy framework</li><li>• Localism in context</li><li>• Where does the Localism Act fit into frontline services</li><li>• Threat or opportunity?</li></ul>
10.30 – 10.45	Tea/coffee break
10.45 – 12.00	<b>Main provisions within the Act (WM)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Power of General Competence</li><li>• Is it needed? What will it allow you to do?</li><li>• What restrictions are in place</li><li>• What about the 'well being' powers?</li></ul> <b>Charging and trading (WM/APSE)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Does the Localism Act affect how you operate charging and trading?</li><li>• What others powers should you consider when charging and trading?</li><li>• Restrictions and opportunities</li><li>• Planning to charge and trade for service improvement</li></ul>
12.30 - 13.30	Lunch
13.30 – 14.45	<b>Community right to challenge (WM)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How will this operate</li><li>• Statutory guidance issues</li><li>• What grounds are there to reject a challenge</li><li>• How could you engage voluntary or third sector organisations?</li><li>• What form for staff mutuals?</li></ul> <b>Community right to challenge practical session (WM/APSE)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Contract lock-in and sustainability</li><li>• Contract or collaboration</li><li>• Insurance, premises, capability</li><li>• TUPE and employment considerations</li></ul>
14.45 – 15.00	Tea/coffee break
15.00 - 15.30	<b>Community right to buy(WM)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Is it a right to buy or a right to bid?</li><li>• What new duties on local authorities?</li><li>• Will this affect community assets?</li></ul>
15.30– 16.15	<b>Preparing for a challenge(APSE)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Is this a return to CCT</li><li>• Using data to support business improvement</li><li>• Considering a bid for a service</li><li>• Demonstrating operational competency</li></ul>
16.15 – 16.30	Final questions and Close (WM/APSE) Delegate Evaluation and Certificates

# The Localism Act - booking form 2012

Contact name: \_\_\_\_\_ Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

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Delegate name	Job title	Email address

Please state if delegates have any special requirements (dietary/access/information in alternate formats):  
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**Booking information: APSE will take bookings up to 24 hrs prior to the course, subject to availability. You are however advised to book early to secure your place and avoid disappointment.**

**Please note:** places on the sessions will be strictly limited to a first come first served basis. Provisional reservations for places are not accepted on this form.

**APSE members:**      1 delegate:              £219 + VAT per course  
                                 3 or more delegates      £189+ VAT per delegate per course (*Discount only applies to delegates attending same date.*)

**Non members:**      per delegate              £384 + VAT per course

**Please quote your purchase order number (if appropriate):**

**Booking confirmation:** APSE issues a written confirmation letter to the 'contact name' for all delegate bookings received. We will not send confirmation to each delegate named on the booking form, unless this has been requested in writing. Should the 'contact name' not receive a confirmation letter by post within 10 working days of sending the booking form, then please contact APSE on telephone: 0161 772 1810.

**Cancellation charges:** Reservation is a contract. Substitution of delegates is acceptable any time in writing by post, email to [jclough@apse.org.uk](mailto:jclough@apse.org.uk) or fax to 0161 772 1811. Cancellations must be made in writing at least 10 working days before the event and will incur a £75 administration fee. No refunds can be given for cancellations received less than 10 working days before the event or for non-attendance. Booking transfers will only be acceptable, if there is availability on another date for the same course, and will incur a £75 administration fee. In the unlikely event of cancellation by the organisers, liability will be restricted to the refund of fees paid. APSE regrets we cannot accept any liability for associated transport or hotel costs in the event of course cancellations made by us.

The organisers reserve the right to make changes to the programme, speakers or venue should this become necessary.

**Please return completed form to:**

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