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APSE Energy Summit 2026

Powering Change, Building Resilience

Wednesday 21 – Thursday 22 October 2026

Glasgow Marriott Hotel, 500 Argyle Street, Glasgow, G3 8RR

Programme

Day One: Wednesday 21 October 2026

10:00 - Registration

10:30 - Introduction – James Jefferson, Principal Policy Lead, APSE Energy

10:35 - Session One

Great British Energy – The Local Power Plan in Practice: Enabling Local Authorities to Deliver at Scale

- What support is available?
- Understanding the concerns of local authorities
- Is the Local Power Plan still a priority

Capucine Guillet, Procurement, Legal and Finance Advisor, Great British Energy

Stirling Council's progress through the lens of the CCC 2026 local authority priorities report

- Council achievements and what has made this possible
- Where next?
- Key challenges and questions

Cllr Rachel Nunn, Stirling Council

Audience question and answer session

11:30 - Coffee break

11:50 - Session Two

Lowering Household Energy Costs with Solar PV, Battery Storage and Air Source Heat Pumps

- Decarbonising 98 homes
- Resident engagement
- Fuel poverty and emission savings outcomes

Andrew Souter, Program Manager, Midlothian Council

Retrofit One-Stop-Shop York: Accelerating Home Energy Transformation

- Creating an end-to-end retrofit service for residents
- Breaking down barriers
- Delivering warmer, healthier and more energy-efficient homes while supporting York's net zero ambitions

Shaun Gibbons, Head of Climate Change, City of York Council

Decarbonising blocks of flats

- Whole-building retrofit of 3 blocks of flats
- Delivering internal and external insulation upgrades,
- Renewable solutions: solar PV with battery storage & ground source-heat pump
- Working with academic partners to deliver enhance monitoring and evaluation

Diarmid Turnbull, Project Lead - CoRE Project: Ayrshire Growth Deal

Audience question and answer session

13:00 - Lunch break

14:00 - Session Three

Delivering the Climate Change Plan, together

- Key points from the plan
- How do councils contribute?
- The importance of achieving a Just Transition
- Progress made in 2026

David Mallon, Head of Climate Change Policy, Scottish Government

South Ayrshire – Wallace Town Community Energy Project, solar on schools

- Partnering with a community energy group to install 755 solar panels on 3 council-owned schools
- How does the partnership work?
- Reinvesting income into the local community
- Overcoming challenges

Colin Love, Team Leader, Community Asset Transfer, South Ayrshire Council & Alan Roseweir, Chair of the Fort, Seafield & Wallacetown Community Association

Delivering Scotland's first council-owned and operated solar farms

- Choosing the sites
- Key development challenges
- Managing risks
- Outcomes

Jennifer Wraith, Senior Manager Energy & Sustainability, North Ayrshire Council

15:15 - Coffee break

15:35 - Workshops

Workshop 1: **From net zero language to deliverable projects**

- How are attitudes changing?
- Overcoming barriers
- Shifting the narrative

Steve Marks, Head of Carbon Advisory, LASER Energy

Workshop 2: **Climate-Resilient Public Buildings: Preventing the Unintended Consequences of Net Zero**

- Are your buildings ready for future heatwaves?
- Why heating, cooling, ventilation and controls must be considered together.
- The hidden performance gap between design intentions and operational reality.
- Practical steps councils can take today to create climate-resilient public buildings.

Alan Barber & Mike Keating, APSE Energy Associates

16:15 - Session Four

Closing speaker TBC

Audience question and answer session

17:00 - Close of Day One

19:00 – Pre dinner drinks

19:30 – The APSE Energy Summit Dinner

Day Two: Thursday 22 October 2026

09:00 - Introduction – Phil Brennan, Head of APSE Energy

09:05 - Session One – 'Shorts'

Future proofing communities and the local economy

- The case for local climate adaptation
- Building workforce capability through training
- Maximising the role of green spaces in climate adaptation

Fiona Sutton-Wilson, Director – APSE Training, APSE

A two-stage approach to Climate Impact Assessments

- The Climate Impact Assessment process: purpose, approach and outcomes
- Supporting effective and consistent application across the authority
- Integrating climate risk considerations into reporting

Jamie Robertson, Sustainability Manager, Renfrewshire Council

Engaging with schools to educate young people and drive behaviour change

- The Falkirk High Schools Energy Challenge
- How did the challenge fit in with wider council objective?
- What was achieved?

Claire Gibson, Energy and Climate Change Coordinator, Falkirk Council

Shetland's Transformed Energy Landscape

- Transitioning from oil and gas to renewable energy and synthetic fuel production
- Supporting projects and proposals
- A community energy project in practice

Joseph Najduch and Joanne Jamieson, Shetland Islands Council

10:10 - Coffee break

10:30 - Session Two – Panel Discussion - **From Risk to Resilience: Local Authority's and Climate Adaptation'**

Panellists:

- **Dr Sandra Bogelein, Lead Analyst – People and Net Zero Climate Change Committee**
- **Andrew Williams, Local Programme Manager, Verture**
- **David Trousdale, Principal Advisor – Sustainability, Newcastle City Council**

11:15 - Workshops

Workshop 1:

Achieving Household Energy Equality

- What is Fairer Warmth?
- Combining housing, energy and demographic data into one clear, map-based view
- Support for grant applications

Jason King, Partnerships Manager & Fergus Tickell, Place & Communities Advisor, Centre for Energy Equality

Workshop 2:

Decarbonisation Without the Capital: Turning Energy Savings into investment

- How councils can accelerate LED and Solar projects without competing for limited capital budgets
- Utilising funding models to create investable projects that reduce cost & carbon

Ben Ah Thew, Commercial Director - Public Sector and Frameworks, eEnergy

12:00 - Coffee break

12:20 - Session Three

Community Investment for a Greener Glasgow

- The Glasgow Green Investment Programme
- What's the process?
- What have the investment phases funded so far?
- Future plans for further phases

Speaker: Gavin Slater, Head of Sustainability, Glasgow City Council

Clean Highland: A Regional Model for Net Zero Energy Investment and Innovation

- Blending public, private, and community investment
- Identifying an investment pipeline
- How are we maximising community benefit?

Speaker: Neil Osborne, Climate Change and Energy Team Manager, The Highland Council

Audience question and answer session

13:25 - Seminar close

Seminar Objectives & Booking Information

About the Seminar

The APSE Energy Summit 2026 is once again being held in Glasgow and the aim of the event is to ensure officers and councillors from local authorities have the chance to keep up to date with a vast agenda. Discussion sessions, speakers and partners will cover a range of issues and the informal element of the event means that delegates have the chance to discuss and debate even more amongst themselves. The Summit is a real chance to reengage with the sector and catch up on what is happening across the climate change, energy and sustainability agenda in terms of government initiatives, case studies, good practice and market trends. The issues raised in the Summit will be relevant to all councils across the UK and the content will support the APSE Energy vision of ensuring local authorities are as informed as they can be about policy, technologies and approaches as possible.

Delegate packages Exclusive of VAT

What's included?
The delegate fee covers attendance, delegates' documentation, lunches, dinner and light refreshments, as well as accommodation where relevant.

APSE Energy Member Authorities first 2 places	**Free**
APSE Energy Member Authorities additional places	£299.00 + VAT
APSE Member (but not a member of APSE Energy)	£399.00 + VAT
Non-APSE or APSE Energy members	£449.00 + VAT
Commercial organisation	£649.00 + VAT

Accommodation rates

Accommodation for the evening of Wednesday 21 October is included as part of the delegate place. Anyone who books accommodation but does not attend nor give notice of not attending, will be charged a fee equivalent to the cost of the room and meals.

Cancellations and no-shows: Any local authority officers or councillors who book on to this event but do not attend nor give notice of not attending, will be charged a fee equivalent to the cost borne by APSE. This is the delegate rate paid to the venue for accommodation, food and refreshments, i.e. the fees are noted above.

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