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# Better Neighbourhoods: Green, Healthy, Connected

Incorporating APSE Northern Ireland's AGM



**FREE**

for Northern Ireland  
members

**Wednesday 27 May**

Lagan Valley Island, Lisburn BT27 4RL

# Programme

9:15 Registration and refreshments

## 10:00 Session One: : Climate Adaptation and Resilience

**Welcome: Ald. Owen Gawith, Chair of the Environment and Sustainability Committee, Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council**

### A Closer Look at the Council's Climate Action Plan

- Climate action in practice
- Delivery challenges and opportunities
- Lessons for councils

**David Maze, Climate and Sustainability Officer, Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council**

### Harnessing Data for Climate Action

- Using data to support climate decision-making
- Monitoring and evaluating progress
- Opportunities for local government

**Elaine Smith, Environmental and Sustainability Manager, Education Authority; Maria Diffley, Director, Sustain IQ**

### Charging Ahead with Installing New EV Infrastructure

- Supporting sustainable transport
- Expanding EV infrastructure
- Local delivery experience

**Paul Doherty, Energy Manager, Derry City and Strabane District Council**

*Audience question and answer session*

11:20 Comfort Break

## 11:35 Session Two: Better Neighbourhoods in Practice

### Delivery of the Council's Play Park Strategy 2020–2030

- Creating inclusive community spaces
- Supporting health and wellbeing
- Long-term planning for neighbourhoods

**John News, Director of Environment and Place, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council**

### Partnership Conservation Projects Delivering Biodiversity Gains

- Partnership approaches to biodiversity
- Enhancing local habitats
- Delivering environmental outcomes

**Lisa Russell, Biodiversity and Habitat Management Officer, Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council**

### Leading the Way: Mid Ulster's Continued Excellence in Recycling

- Achieving high recycling performance
- Engaging communities
- Sustaining environmental improvements

**Karl McGowan, Waste and Sustainable Development Manager, Mid Ulster District Council**

*Audience question and answer session*

## 12:45 APSE Northern Ireland AGM

This short session provides an invaluable opportunity for APSE Northern Ireland to review its activities over the last year.

13:05 Lunch

## 13:45 Session Three: Energy, Policy and Delivery

### Northern Ireland's Third Climate Change Adaptation Programme

- Overview of the adaptation programme
- Key priorities for local authorities

**Steve Boyd, UK Net Zero and Adaptation Policy, DAERA**

### Strengthening Local Authority Resilience Amid Rising Energy Costs

- The implications of rising energy costs for council services, assets and vehicle fleets
- Practical steps to protect essential services from future energy price volatility
- How APSE Energy can support councils through effective energy procurement, contract management and understanding of energy usage data

**James Jefferson, Principal Advisor – APSE Energy**

*Audience question and answer session*

14:45 Seminar close

# About

## A seminar for Northern Ireland councils focussed on creating more sustainable, liveable places for communities to thrive.

This event will explore practical approaches to shaping greener neighbourhoods, improving public health and wellbeing and strengthening community connections. From decarbonising local assets to designing spaces that are safe, inclusive and resilient, the seminar will showcase the latest thinking, expert insight and real-world case studies.

This event will also incorporate the APSE Northern Ireland Annual General Meeting. Your free booking includes lunch and refreshments but does not include accommodation.

Don't miss this opportunity to help shape greener, healthier and more connected neighbourhoods across Northern Ireland - reserve your place today!!

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## Venue information - Lagan Valley Island

Located just one mile from the M1 motorway and approximately 8 miles (10 minutes drive) from Belfast City Centre, it is the ideal base for those travelling from all over Northern Ireland and also the Republic of Ireland.

Both Northern Ireland Airports - George Best City Airport and Belfast International Airport are under 30 minutes drive away. The Centre has excellent transport links being easily accessible by road, rail or bus and it has a compact city centre where everything is within walking distance.



# Booking

## Packages Exclusive of VAT

APSE member delegate fee: **FREE**

Non member delegate fee: **£175+VAT**

Click [here](#) to reserve your place on this event

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