

# **Northern Region Event and Annual General Meeting 2025**

Protecting and enhancing neighbourhoods



**Tuesday 22 July 2025**

Maldron Hotel, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 5RE

# Programme

9.30 Registration and coffee

10.00 Session One

## Opening address

### Councillor Paul Frew

Cabinet Member for Resources and Performance  
Newcastle City Council

## Local electric vehicle infrastructure

- Increasing the electric vehicle charging infrastructure in Durham
- Charge points delivery programme
- Ensuring an equitable approach

**Andrew Shiel, Principal Officer – Electric Vehicle Infrastructure, Durham County Council**

## Let's breathe better

- Reducing particulates from domestic burning
- Providing residents with the knowledge to reduce the impact of air pollution.
- Improvements achieved and future goals

**Heather Johnson, Climate Emergency Project Officer, Wirral Council**

*Audience question and answer session*

## 11.15 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The APSE Northern Region AGM will be your opportunity to have your say in APSE Northern representation to our National Council and other important business.

11.45 Coffee and networking

12.15 Session Two

## A community-led approach to improving parks and green spaces

- Driving system change by adopting a collaborative, community-led approach
- Putting communities at the heart of planning and decision-making
- Key changes in practice

**Jack Turner, Area Manager and Gemma Beckwith, Project Manager, Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council**

## Keeping it clean – Reducing fly-tipping in Wigan

- Developing a Litter Prevention Strategy
- Tackling litter and fly-tipping in partnership with communities and businesses
- Making a difference to our neighbourhoods

**Jane Kneale, Operations Manager and Andy Bond, Bereavement & Waste Services Manager, Wigan Metropolitan Borough Council**

## Improving community safety in Stockton

- Operation Shield, a multi-agency and multi-component initiative
- Recovery Connections, Change Grow Live and the Moses Project
- What difference are we making?

**Adam Bateman, Problem Solving and Partnerships Officer, Stockton on Tees Borough Council**

*Audience question and answer session*

13.30 Lunch and networking



# Seminar Objectives

## About the Seminar

Local authorities have a key role in protecting and enhancing neighbourhoods through various mechanisms, including planning processes, community safety initiatives, and promoting community cohesion. They can designate areas for neighbourhood planning, work with community groups to create plans, and engage with residents to address local concerns. Additionally, they collaborate with other agencies to reduce crime, improve safety, promote the well-being of residents and enhance the local environment.

This seminar brings together a range of speakers who will outline how local authorities are actively engaging in these areas, and demonstrating how they play a crucial role in creating safe, vibrant, and thriving neighbourhoods for all residents.

## Who should attend?

- Officers who have a responsibility for climate change, environmental services and communities
- Those with responsibility for delivering corporate strategies.
- Officers who are involved in delivering behavioural change/communications programmes.
- Anyone with an interest in communities and neighbourhoods
- Elected members and officers with responsibility for environmentally based services.

**This event is FREE for APSE Northern Region Members**

## Venue

### **Maldron Hotel**

17 Newgate Street  
Newcastle upon Tyne  
NE1 5RE

### **Getting to the venue**

#### **Train**

A five minute walk from Newcastle Central Station

#### **Driving**

There are several car parks available within a few minutes walk of the hotel for your convenience.

**The Gate Car Park** - 20A Stowell St, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 4YB

**Q-Park** - Stowell Street NE1 4YB





# Booking Information

## Delegate Packages Exclusive of VAT

### What's included?

*The delegate fee covers attendance, delegates' documentation, lunches and light refreshments.*

<b>APSE Northern Region members:</b>	<b>FREE</b>
APSE member delegate fee:	<b>£179 + VAT</b>
Non member delegates fee	<b>£284 + VAT</b>
Commercial delegates:	<b>£375 + VAT</b>

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