

APSE Southern Region Digital Futures Forum on Thursday 24 September 2026, 10:30am-12:00

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Agenda:**1. Welcome****2. APSE in your region – update**

Speaker: Abi Ademiluyi, Principal Advisor, APSE Southern Region

3. Building a Local AI Ecosystem: From Ambition to Action- The Milton Keynes Experience

- How councils can build effective AI and innovation partnerships across the public, private and community sectors.
- Turning AI ambition into practical action, using events, collaboration and engagement to drive innovation.
- Making AI accessible and inclusive, helping communities understand and engage with emerging technologies.
- Lessons for other local authorities developing AI, digital transformation and innovation strategies.

Speaker: Michael Pattinson, Chief Innovation Officer, Protospace

4. From Paperwork to People: How AI is Transforming Council Services

- Developing AI in-house – How Barking & Dagenham Council designed and implemented the BD Notes application to automate administrative tasks while maintaining officer oversight and data security.
- Freeing up frontline capacity – Exploring how AI has reduced the time required to produce complex documents, enabling officers to spend more time supporting residents.
- Lessons for local government – Practical insights into co-designing AI with frontline teams, managing organisational change, building staff confidence, and scaling AI solutions across multiple council.

Speaker: Dwain Nicely, Manager - Innovation, Digital Transformation & AI Solutions, Barking and Dagenham Council

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I look forward to welcoming you to this online meeting on Thursday 24 September 2026.

Yours faithfully



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