

APSE Transport and Mechanical Advisory Group

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Briefings

- 15-01 Scottish House Conditions Survey 2013
- 15-02 The Lyons Housing Review
- 15-03 Scotland's Youth Employment Strategy
- 15-04 Evaluating free school meal provision for P1 to P3 in Scotland and how local authorities can get involved
- 15-05 New Waste Collection Requirements and TEEP issues for local authorities
- 15-06 Response to The National Pollinator Strategy 2014
- 15-07 Journal Article review – Potential influences on the UK's floods of winter 2013/14, Nature Climate Change
- 15-08 Progress Report on the Scottish Fuel Poverty Statement 2002
- 15-09 The Elphicke-House Report from Statutory Provider to Housing Delivery Enabler
- 15-10 The Local Government Wales Bill
- 15-11 Highways funding, self-assessment and capitalisation of repairs in England

Research

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ENSURING HEALTH AND WELLBEING



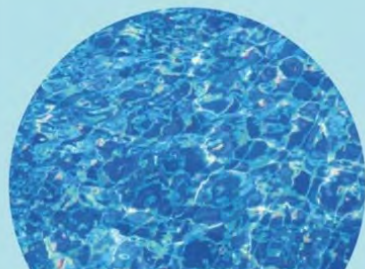
A self-assessment tool for health and wellbeing boards



Local Water



The challenge and the prize for the ensuring council as a steward of water



apse research briefing

Ensuring Collaboration:

One way ahead for public-private partnerships



Ensuring change:

Building capacity in local government



Better business:

Councils shaping markets for public value



The future of elected members in Scotland



Retail energy policies in Britain: Towards 2020



What is ECO and Green Deal?

A simple guide for Local Authorities



Latest Research (1)

Retail energy policies in Britain: Towards 2020 – Free Report

The policy issue of retail domestic energy in the UK has taken on a very high media profile over the past few years. A number of separate, but related issues have coalesced into making domestic energy bills a front line political agenda item. The legislative needs of agreed CO2 emission reductions, when combined with domestic housing stock conditions has meant keeping homes warm is not a cheap option. Yet whilst domestic energy usage has fallen by over 6% average dual fuel domestic energy bills have risen by over 70% in under a decade. This free to download publication explores the political, policy and practical implications of retail energy pricing.

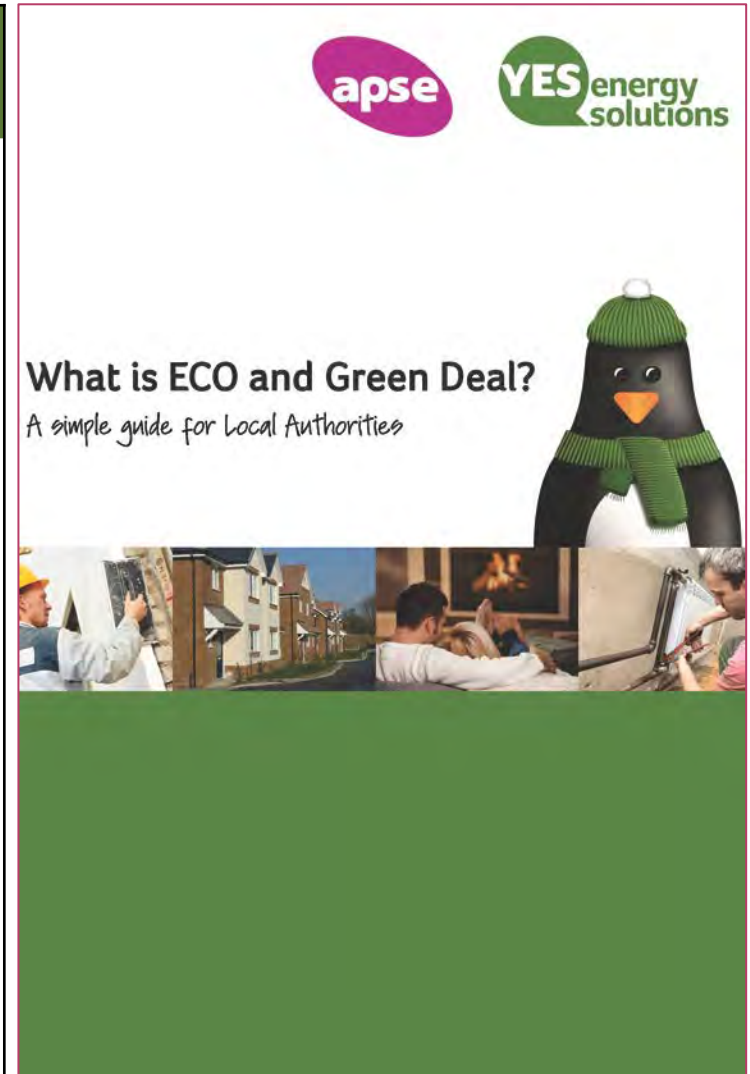
Retail energy policies in Britain: Towards 2020



Latest Research (2)

What is Eco and Green Deal? A guide for local authorities – Free Report

Energy efficiency experts, YES Energy Solutions and APSE have developed a handy 'how to' guide for Local Authorities to learn about the benefits of introducing ECO and Green Deal initiatives. The main purpose of the Guide is to strip down all the confusing technical jargon and simply explain how ECO and Green Deal work, what each scheme is trying to achieve and how Local Authorities can get involved. It's fair to say that ECO and Green Deal have become something of a minefield since their launch in 2013. There has been a lot of noise made about these flagship Government initiatives, but do Local Authorities really know what they are all about and how they could use them to cut CO2 and reduce fuel poverty?



Latest Research (3)

The future of elected members in Scotland – Free Report

The changing demands, requirements and expectations of the office of the councillor, like those of local government, are once again under scrutiny in Scotland. This 2014 study '**The future role of elected members in Scotland**' surveys the beliefs and attitudes of elected members across Scotland. Analysis of the survey raises four primary issues for local politics and policy in Scotland: the constant question of representation; harnessing the community patch orientation of councillors; boosting external-facing roles and functions; and the difference of outlook between executive and non-executive councillors. It concludes with an assessment of how these lessons might inform current debates over the future of local government in Scotland.

The future of elected members in Scotland

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Advocacy

- APSE Energy Scottish parliamentary launch on 27 November in Edinburgh
- Working with NHS Scotland & Scottish Government on the evaluation of the free school meals implementation
- APSE Representative on the Executive Committee of Scottish Waste Industry Training, Competency and Health & Safety forum (SWITCH)
- Scottish Government consultations including the Housing (Scotland) Act 2014 – Section 28
- All 5 political parties participated in the Scottish Building, Housing & Renewables on 12/13 February 2015
- Attending Scottish Party Political Conferences
- Attending the CoSLA/ IS Awards 2015

Performance Networks

- 2nd batch printed reports will be available end of March
- New templates for all services will be released in April
- Environmental Health PN service area launched
- Scottish Building & Housing process benchmarking including Performance/ Cost Matrix and new Quarterly PI template collections
- Scottish Transport & Mechanical process benchmarking
- Land Audit Management Systems pilot under way within Parks & Streetscene
- Performance Networks Data Collection and Data Usage training available

Solutions

- Activity in Scotland including: City of Edinburgh, Falkirk, Glasgow and North Ayrshire
- Interim management
- Income generation
- Demand Management

Training Events

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| CHAMPS2 – Business change management | 30/03/2015 | Edinburgh |
| Controlling food costs | 30/03/2015 | Renfrewshire |
| Supervisory skills for team leaders in frontline services | 31/03/2015 | Glasgow |
| Identifying damp, timber mould and structural problems | 27/04/2015 | Glasgow |
| Health and safety in waste and environmental services (supervisor level) | 15/05/2015 | Edinburgh |
| Awareness of drugs and alcohol for managers and supervisors | 18/05/2015 | Glasgow |
| Health and safety – Working on highways and verges | 03/06/2015 | Glasgow |
| Controlling food costs | 17/06/2015 | Glasgow |

Surveys

- **Street Cleansing State of the Market 2014-15**
Report currently being produced
- **Parks and Green Spaces State of the Market 2014-15**
Report currently being produced
- **Communications to Members Survey 2015**
Survey is closing soon
- **Nudge, Budge, Reduce: New Strategies for Managing the Public Realm**
Commissioned from New Local Government Network
Research is scheduled to be published in September 2015

Seminars

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| APSE Scotland Fleet, Waste and Grounds 2015 | Tuesday 26 to Friday 29 May 2015 Hilton Coylumbridge, Aviemore |
| Parks One Day Seminar 2015 | Friday 20 March 2015, Harrogate International Centre, Harrogate |
| Other upcoming seminars include: Transport seminar (June), APSE Annual seminar (September), Health and Safety seminar (October), National Housing and Building seminar (October), Environmental Services seminar (November) and Performance Networks seminar (December). | |

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