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APSE Update

9 June 2026

Briefings

- [26-03 APSE and Survation 2026: Annual polling of Councillors and the Public](#)
- [26-07 State of the Market 2026: Local authority building cleaning services](#)
- [26-08 State of the Market 2026: Local authority catering services](#)
- [26-19 School Food Standards: Updating the legislative framework](#)
- [26-25 School Crossing Patrols – Current position and future considerations](#)

For more information on all of our briefings please [click here](#)

Research

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How are local government services performing?



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ECO funding for local authorities

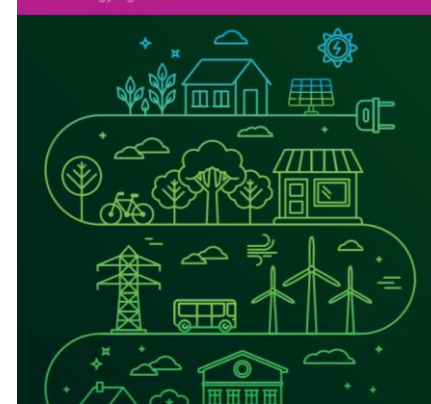
A simple guide to the Government's ECO scheme



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Energy across the authority

How local authorities are using assets to develop the energy agenda



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Supporting city and town centre recovery



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Taking a commercial approach

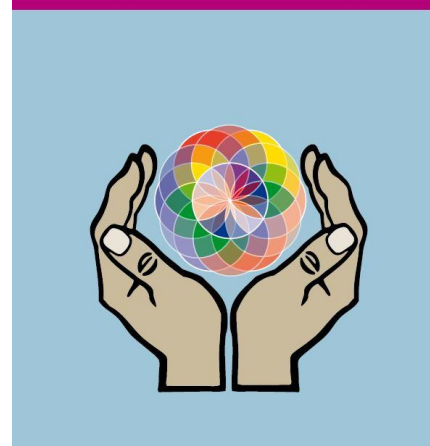
A guide for local councils in Scotland to income generation, trading and charging



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The new municipalism


Taking back entrepreneurship



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Striving to thrive

Councillors' reflections on local democracy



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Planning guidance that gets results

A guide for councillors and local government officers



Research themes

Planning and sustainability

Coastal Erosion and Coastal Flooding

Workforce matters

Rewilding burial grounds

Fleet transition issues

Sustainable economies for councils with islands

Advocacy

- APSE representative on the Executive Committee of Scottish Waste Industry Training, Competency and Health & Safety forum (SWITCH)
- APSE provides the secretariat for the Scotland Litter Managers Network
- APSE representatives on the IS/ SOLACE fleet procurement sub-group
- APSE is the secretariat to the All Party Parliamentary Group for School Food
- APSE representatives on the Scottish Government school nutrition roundtables
- Continued representation at Party Political Conferences
- Continuing to strengthen relationships with other organisations – recently attended the Scottish Food Commission launch in Edinburgh, Scotland Living Wage Award Sponsor and once again attending the annual COSLA and Excellence Awards in November, meetings with the HSE, Transport Scotland and Scottish Government on a variety of issues

Network Queries

- Our network queries service allows you to ask your peers in other Councils questions and receive information and advice.
- Queries are sent out via e-mail anonymously and any member is eligible to use this service.
- Responses are typically collated within a two to three weeks.
- If you would like to send out a query, please contact Louise at Lmelville@apse.org.uk or call 01698 459051.

Example

Building Maintenance Stores Review Survey

A member authority would like to know if other Local Authorities currently use QR Codes or scanner-based systems to record activities within Janitorial or Cleaning Services?

If your authority uses such a system, please provide the following details:

1. Was the system developed in-house by your IT department, or is it a commercially purchased solution?

2. What is the name of the system or software used?

3. What specific activities or tasks are recorded using QR Codes (e.g., cleaning checks, site attendance, asset checks, compliance tasks)?

4. Does the use of this system reduce the time required by operatives to complete or record their tasks?

5. What are the main operational or service-delivery benefits experienced from using this system?

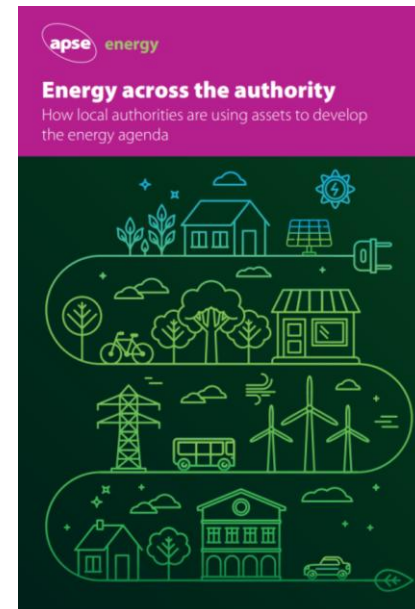
Performance Networks

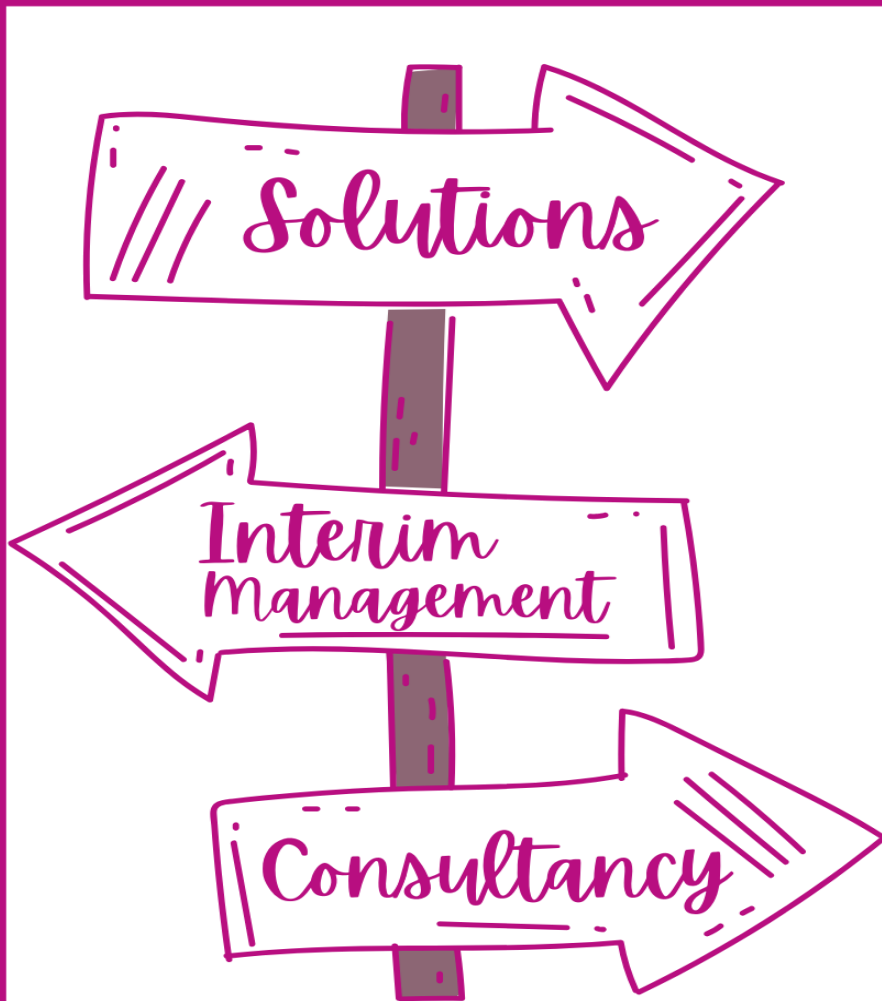
- Performance Networks data templates have all been issued and these can also be accessed via the [PN portal](#)
- The templates have been severely reduced in size to enable as many as possible to return information. Reducing the size hopefully helps with the burden of resources and time to complete and should mean as many councils as possible have the opportunity to participate
- The deadline date for template returns is **1st October 2026**
- You can access free training from the PN team regarding data template completion. For more information [click here](#)
- Performance reports and trend analysis can be accessed via the PN portal. Please [click here](#) to find out more

APSE Energy

APSE Energy service offers a range of briefings, publications and newsletters as well as in person and webinar events covering the Energy, Climate Change and Sustainability agenda.

Aiming to share the burden of this agenda across all services and managers by providing information that informs both those with specific energy and climate change responsibilities as well as wider service managers, officers and councillors. Information on membership is on the [APSE website](http://www.apse.org.uk).





Interim Management
Workforce strategy
Survey-based work
Commercial development
Diagnostic health Checks
Coaching and mentoring
Service improvement planning
Comprehensive service reviews
Bespoke process benchmarking

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Training

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| Advanced Contract Management (CPD) | 23/24 June 2026 | More info |
| Social Media & Digital Communications | 16 June 2026 | More info |
| Coaching and Mentoring Skills | 23 June 2026 | More info |
| Business Analysis in Council Services | 17/18 June 2026 | More info |
| Supervisory Skills for Team Leaders in Frontline Services (CPD) | 14 July 2026 | More info |

Seminars

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| APSE Scotland AGM and Free Seminar | Glasgow, 16 June 2026 | More info |
| APSE Summer Series: A Councillor's Guide to Frontline Services | Variety of topics and dates throughout the summer | More info |
| APSE Annual Seminar and Service Awards 2026 | Liverpool, 16-17 September 2026 | More info |

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