

Building for tomorrow: Safer homes, greener heat, stronger skills

APSE National Building and Housing Seminar 2026



5 and 6 March 2026
Hilton, Glasgow

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Programme

09:00 – 10:00 Registration

10:00 – 11:15 *Session 1: The importance of sustainable housing and skills*

Decarbonising heat locally: People, places and progress

- LHEES – strategic heat planning at scale
- Improving the public estate
- Supporting homes and communities

Speaker: Isla MacMillan, Climate Change and Energy, Highland Council

Decarbonising blocks of flats

- Fabric considerations
- Centralised energy centres
- Shared rooftop PVs

Speaker: Alan Barber, Director, Salvis Group

Construction sector new entrant recruitment challenge and impact on heat decarbonisation

- Heat decarb and workforce impact
- New entrant recruitment challenge
- Opportunities and activity

Speaker: Elaine Ellis, Skills Planning Manager – Construction and Net Zero, Skills Development Scotland

--- Audience question and answer session ---

11:15 – 11:45 Tea, Coffee & Networking Opportunity

11:45 – 13:00 *Session 2 – Social housing: regulation and standards*

Managing assets, maintaining quality: Ensuring high-performing housing stock

- Keeping tenants' homes warm, safe and dry
- How can landlords assure themselves and their tenants about this?
- Areas of regulatory focus

Speaker: Helen Shaw, Director of Regulation, Scottish Housing Regulator

Awaab's Law: Compliance, risk and responsibility in social housing

- Differentiating risks

- Triage, records and vulnerable tenants

- Legal and compliance implications

Speaker: Fiona McLeod, Partner & Solicitor Advocate, Brodies LLP

Working from height: are you compliant?

- What are the corporate challenges?
- Legislation and compliance
- Risk mitigation and best practice

Speaker: Lloyd McKenzie, Business Development Manager, NASC

--- Audience question and answer session ---

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch & Exhibition viewing

14:00 – 14:45 *Session 3: VOIDS: navigating challenges*

This will be an interactive session on VOIDS, providing the opportunity for colleagues to share experiences

Speaker: Group Discussion Chaired by Colin McInnes, APSE Associate

14:45 – 15:15 Tea, coffee exhibition viewing

15:15 – 16:30 *Session 4: Local authority best practice case studies*

Embedding a multiskilled workforce into our building services

- Flexible multiskilled teams
- Improved customer experience
- A future-ready workforce

Speaker: William Andrew, Service Lead – Property Maintenance, South Ayrshire Council

East Ayrshire's trauma informed culture of care

- The big picture - understanding the complexities of homelessness
- The importance of training - building stronger working relationships within housing services
- Benefits and key take aways

Speaker: Gary Craig, Strategic Lead – Housing Services, East Ayrshire Council

Regenerating Kirkcaldy town centre: People centred place-making

- Putting people and place at the heart of our decision making
- Blending sustainable affordable homes with the site's historic heritage
- Key outcomes for all stakeholders

Speaker: Andy Saum, Programme Manager – New Build Affordable Housing, Fife Council (inv)

--- Audience question and answer session ---

Evening programme

19:00 – 19:30 Evening welcome reception

19:30 Annual dinner and Apprentice of the year awards

Day two: Friday 6 March 2026

9:30 – 11:30 *Session 5: Building & Housing Clinic and Officers Process Mapping*

Topics will include:-

- Compliance including asbestos
- Continued discussions on the new ARC indicators

Chaired by: Colin McInnes, APSE Associate

The venue

Hilton Glasgow
1 William Street
Glasgow
G3 8HT

Directions

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About the Seminar

This seminar brings together expert speakers to examine a range of critical issues currently shaping the building and housing sector. The programme will cover social housing regulation and standards, including emerging requirements such as Awaab's Law, with insights from **Brodies LLP**. Helen Shaw from the **Scottish Housing Regulator** will also address asset management and stock quality, alongside key considerations ahead of forthcoming ARC submissions. The session will additionally include input from the **National Access and Scaffolding Confederation (NASC)** on compliance and best practice for working at height. Attendees will explore how local authorities are setting affordable housing priorities through their Strategic Housing Investment Plans (SHIPs). As well as discuss how councils are progressing heat decarbonisation and energy efficiency through the development and implementation of Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategies (LHEES).

Recognising the importance of skills in delivering these ambitions, the programme will also review the green skills landscape with **Skills Development Scotland**. Delegates will hear local authority case studies innovations, we will be discussing VOIDS and the many challenges that this area brings.

This event provides a valuable platform for delegates to share best practice, network with peers, and gain insight into how organisations across Scotland are responding to the challenges facing the sector. Day one will conclude with the National Apprentice of the Year Awards, held following the annual dinner, celebrating the achievements of apprentices and councils and recognising their outstanding contributions over the past year.

Who should attend?

- Leaders, Executive Members and Cabinet officeholders for housing and the environment portfolios alongside scrutiny members
- Service Directors
- Maintenance and Repairs Managers
- Housing and Building Services Officers
- Asset Management Officers
- Contractors and Suppliers
- Renewables and Energy Officers
- Commercialisation and transformation teams
- All those with an interest in developing or improving innovative solutions to address housing, building and environmental needs

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