

APSE Southern Region Seminar 2025

Regeneration and Local Economies: Councils contributing to
good growth



Wednesday 18th June 2025

Leonardo Royal Hotel Oxford, OX2 8AL

Programme

09.30: Registration, refreshments, and exhibition viewing

10.00: Welcome from the chair Cllr Jacqui Burnett, Elected Member, Luton Borough Council

Issues, challenges and opportunities for local councils

- Local government finance
- A round up of new and upcoming legislation
- English Devolution and the impact of LGR
- Delivering of Government Missions

Speaker: Mo Baines, APSE Chief Executive

Using Community Wealth Building to change the conversation

- Attracting capital investment to solve all of our local challenges.
- Bringing in other organisations into the journey.
- Building a stronger ecosystem of more generative enterprises which support local people and places.

Speaker: Conrad Parke, Birmingham Anchor Network Co-ordinator, Centre for Local Economic Strategies

Oxford city Council Procurement Strategy

- Experience of implementing the Procurement Act 2023.
- How much do local authorities' lever in social value into their procurements.
- Encouraging suppliers to pay Oxford Living Wage.
- Encouraging working with SME's and local businesses.

Speaker: Cllr Chewe Munkonge, Cabinet Member for a Healthy, Fairer Oxford and Small Business Champion, Oxford City Council

Audience question and answer session

11.30: Refreshments & exhibition viewing

12.00: Session Two

Regeneration: Reviving our town centres

- Making towns a source of jobs, training and upskilling.
- Using public spaces to specialise in doing what online can't do.
- The power of regeneration serving local people, not forcing them out.

Speaker: Rowenna Davis, Associate partner, Global Future

Foundation Social impact by design: commercial models that serve communities

- The case for purposeful profit in local government
- Profits with principles: designing models that prioritise local need
- When commercial means community: lessons from real-life partnerships
- Culture change and capability: empowering teams to think differently

Speaker: Steve Wilson, Commercial Director, Commercial Services Group

Audience question and answer session

13.00: Lunch, Exhibition viewing and AGM

APSE Southern Region AGM

If you are attending from an APSE member council, we would be delighted if you would join us to hear about what has happened over the year within the APSE network, across the UK and share your views on how to take the Association forward in the year ahead

14.30: Session Three

Generating Income from Uncommercialised Land with Pop Ups

- Putting Council-owned land to good use, providing business opportunities.
- Generating funds and income for the council.
- Outcomes and future ideas.

Speaker: Kay Roberts-Lister, Public Open Space Officer – Events and Filming, Cornwall Council

Managing Change in Local Government within a climate of reorganisation or strategic change

- Appraising approaches to implement change which maximise benefits and minimise disruption.
- Assessing the competencies requires to manage change effectively.
- Devising a toolkit to enable transformational change in your authority setting.

Speaker: Amy Caldow, Senior Training Officer APSE

15:30: Seminar close



Seminar Objectives & Booking Information

About the Seminar

The Seminar will open with a look at government strategy, exploring the changing nature of Local Government in present times, especially Issues, challenges and opportunities for local councils around regeneration, examining the skills and resources needed to face the challenges in Economic growth and regeneration with good economies and community wealth building.

Open to all interested in the future of local government services, this is an ideal opportunity to meet and engage with like-minded colleagues exploring service specific issues and strategies for local authorities.

Who should attend?

The event will be highly useful for officers and councillors with an interest in

- Economic growth and regeneration
- Local public realm
- Procurement Strategy
- Designing out anti-social behaviours
- Jobs and skills
- Good economies and community wealth building
- Local government regeneration.

Delegate packages Exclusive of VAT

What's included?

The delegate fee covers attendance and delegates' documentation.

APSE member delegate fee: **£195 + VAT per person**

Non-member delegate's fee: **£290 + VAT per person**

Commercial delegates: **£420 + VAT per person**

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