

apse seminars

Strategic Policy Symposium

Incorporating the APSE Full Association Meeting 2024

FREE

for member
councils

Friday 19 January 2024

Glasgow Marriot Hotel, G3 8RR

Programme

10:00 Coffee and Registration

10.30 Chair's Opening Remarks – Cllr Jacqui Burnett, APSE National Chair

10:35 Session One: The Dynamics of Local Government, Finance and Governance Decisions

It's all about the money, money, money! What S.114s and financial peril means to frontline services

- Results of an APSE / Survation spot opinion poll of local councillors on local finances
- What areas do the public support to protect from cuts.
- Differences in priorities between councillors and the public – what the survey data tells us.
- Is it time for a needs-based budgeting campaign in local government?

Mo Baines, APSE Chief Executive

Under Pressure: The Future of Member – Officer Relationships in Local Government

- The strains of governance in a fiscally challenging environment
- What does the research tell us about the differing dynamics and does the notion of 'members decide officers implement' still hold true?
- Lessons from the case studies – how do we improve communications and expectations?

Professor Steven Griggs, lead report author

The child payment: Is the Scottish Government approach a way forward across the UK?

- Removing children from the deprivation trap
- 407,000 children in families eligible for the payment
- What does the data tell us about the financial impact on families and children?
- How does this support help local councils?

Cllr Lynne Short, Dundee City Council and APSE Scotland Chair

11:45 Audience and panel Q&A followed by a short comfort break

12:00 Session Two: Lessons in Climate Resilience and Prevention Planning

Flooding and coastal erosion: Lessons from the Isle of Wight

- Impact on the most vulnerable communities
- Coastal erosion: what it means to service planning and resilience
- The Ventor Landslip: A council response to managing an emergency

Colin Rowland, Strategic Director of Communities and Natasha Dix, Service Director Waste Environment and Planning

Can better planning support climate adaptation and mitigation?

- Using planning powers to limit climate change impacts
- The problem with current regulations
- What more could councils do to effect positive changes through planning?
- Upcoming APSE guidance for councils

Tim Crawshaw, APSE Energy Associate

Audience and panel Q&A

12:45 Full Association Business

APSE Chief Executive, Mo Baines, will present the following agenda items for the meeting's approval:

1. Minutes of the Full Association held on the Friday 20 January 2023
2. APSE Report – An update on the work of APSE
3. Budget 2024/25 – An examination of APSE's budget 2024/25
4. The APSE Business Plan 2023-2026 and ESG Framework – progress report.

13:00 Lunch

Lunch will be provided at the rise of the meeting. Delegates are encouraged to stay for lunch and make the most of this networking opportunity with colleagues from across the UK. As this meeting carries formal APSE Business for its members it is not open to non-member councils.

What is included?

This **FREE** event and Full Association meeting is only available to APSE member councils.

All delegates will receive:

- Online delegate pack (print copies available on pre-request)
- Refreshments and lunch on the day
- Access to the networking arrangements on the day

Please remember to tell APSE about any access or dietary requirements.

How to book

>> **Click here to reserve your place** <<

Travel

Delegates should make their own travel and accommodation arrangements. A list of hotels close to the event venue can be downloaded [using this link](#).

Information on getting to Glasgow can be accessed [using this link](#).

Venue address: Glasgow Marriot Hotel, 500 Argyle Street, Glasgow, G3 8RR

[Get directions with Google Maps](#)

