

27 September 2023

Joe Sealy, CIPFA Board Chair  
Caroline Russell, CIPFA President  
Harry Gaskell, CIPFA Senior NED

Dear Joe, Caroline and Harry,

I write to give notice that I will retire from my post here on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

I am confident this nine month window gives good time to recruit a successor to a great job. My timing is intended to give the new chief executive a nice start leading CIPFA, with their first conference a few weeks after I step down.

My thanks are due to CIPFA for the tremendous support given to me over the last 10 years, and I leave very content with the progress made to create a modern and successful organisation that is financially secure with a strong voice. I look forward with optimism to see the Institute's next chapter.

The need for strong public financial management in the UK and globally has never been so important, and CIPFA's future opportunities are considerable. As ever, my advice is to be bold!

I am also grateful for the Board and Council's personal support over the last year for me to take on external roles toward my transition to a portfolio.

In the meantime of my departure, please be assured that I will work like a Trojan!

I will write today to staff, Board and Council and issue an external communication.

Again, with my thanks and my highest regards to CIPFA members and staff.

With best wishes,



**Rob Whiteman CBE**  
Chief Executive