

minutes

Committee	Council
Date	15 September 2011
Venue	Hilton Hotel Cardiff
Present	Chris Bilsland (President) Sir Anthony Redmond (Vice-President) Ian Perkin (Treasurer)
	Bob Alexander Nigel Hiller Ken Barnes Sarah Howard Paul Breckell Neil Hunter Angela Brown Alison Jarrett Andrew Burns Suzanne Jones Jane Cika Gill Lewis Jane Cuthbertson Craig Marriott Paul Dransfield Leslie Milne Christina Earls Barry Parsonage Mike Ellingford Brian Roberts Ken Finch Jaki Salisbury Alan Geddes Trevor Salmon Claire Gravil John Thornton

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Caroline Al-Beyerty, Tim Day, Richard Harbord, Helen Kilpatrick, John Matheson, Jaki Meekings Davis, Mike Owen, Laura Rowley, Judith Savage, Bill Shields, Martin Sinclair, Mike Suarez.

2 Membership

President welcomed new members to Council and regional observers.

3 Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and there were no matters arising. Minutes were amended to acknowledge that on 7th July – Sarah Howard was in attendance.

SF noted all motions of AGM have been agreed by the Privy Council and will take effect from 2012.

5 Committee Membership

The paper submitted identifying all committee memberships for 2011/12 was noted without comment.

6 Update on Impact of the Government's Public Spending Plans

SF updated Council on the continuing impact of the economic environment on CIPFA noting that if the worsening conditions prevail the effect on the Institute could be very severe.

Para 41: Brian Roberts commented there is considerable scepticism amongst CFOs about changes to business rates and generally government proposals around the future of local government finance. He sought reassurance that CIPFA were responding to the consultation. SF confirmed that CIPFA is responding to the current legislative proposals but warned that local government should be careful not to appear to be negative in relation to the growth agenda.

Alan Geddes noted the Scottish perspective where more dialogue seemed to be taking place between the Scottish Government and local government.

Sarah Howard raised the issue of health changes and in particular in relation to governance issues in new health commissioning bodies. SF confirmed CIPFA were fully engaged on the health agenda.

Jaki Salisbury asked whether the response on business rates could be circulated. (IC)

7 There was no other Business for the open session and declared the meeting closed.