
CIPFA Governance Summit 2017

Improving Governance: Working Across Public Bodies and the Third Sector

1 November 2017

CIPFA Conference Centre, 77 Mansell Street, London E1 8AN

9.30 – 10.00 **Coffee and Registration**

10.00 – 10.20 **Overview: effective governance and accountability**
Reflections on supporting good governance across both the public and charity sectors
Summit Chair Caroline Mawhood
CIPFA Charities and Public Benefit Entities Faculty Board

10.20 – 11.10 **Balancing public sector accountability with an effective charitable sector**
Lord Bichard will explore the need for public sector organisations to provide accountability on their operations and public funds and the tensions created when working with the charitable and voluntary sector. How can the public sector secure accountability and manage risk without overwhelming the charitable sector with conditions? And what can the charitable sector do to ensure transparency?
Lord Bichard
Chair National Audit Office
Member of the House of Lords Select Committee on Charities

11.10 – 11.30 **Break**

11.30 – 12.00	<p>Understanding governance beyond the public sector – the new Charity Governance Code</p> <p>In July 2017 an updated version of the Charity Governance Code was published. It aims to help charities and their trustees develop high standards of governance, and is a practical tool to enable and support compliance with relevant legislation and regulation. The new Code was developed by a steering group of charity umbrella bodies and with the help of over 200 charities, individuals and related organisations.</p> <p>Louise Thomson, member of the Charity Governance Code steering group will provide an overview of the code's principles and explain how compliance with the voluntary code can engender good governance within individual charities.</p> <p>The session aims to help governance and audit practitioners in the public sector to understand the governance arrangements amongst partner organisations in the charitable sector.</p> <p>Louise Thomson FCIS, Head of Policy, ICSA Member - Charity Governance Code Steering Group</p>
12.00 – 12.45	<p>Local Authority funding of third sector services</p> <p>The 2017 report from the Wales Audit Office highlighted that that local authorities are not always making the best use of the third sector nor doing enough to ensure they are securing value for money. This session will highlight good practice and opportunities for improving use of the third sector.</p> <p>Nick Selwyn Local Government Manager Studies and Gareth Jones Performance Auditor Wales Audit Office</p>
12.45 – 13.45	Lunch
13.45 – 14.30	<p>'Commissioning in Crisis'</p> <p>Public bodies are increasingly commissioning services from the third sector but research by the Lloyds Bank Foundation has highlighted the difficulties faced by the sector.</p> <p>This session will highlight the issues and explore options for improving the effectiveness of commissioning for both commissioning bodies and the third sector.</p> <p>Paul Streets, Chief Executive The Lloyds Bank Foundation</p>
14.30 – 15.15	<p>The changing model of delivery</p> <p>Councils are innovating in response to resource pressures, technology and customer expectations and now work with a wide range of partners. Carol Culley will explore what this means for traditional governance arrangements, internal audit and the role of the head of finance.</p> <p>Carol Culley, City Treasurer, Manchester City Council Member CIPFA Council and Chair of Local Government Faculty Board</p>
15.15 – 15.30	Break

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Learning the lessons for good governance

CIPFA's head of standards Alison Scott reflects on some of the challenges to good governance that public bodies currently face, including resource pressures and balancing risk, innovation and accountability. She will explore some of the mechanisms to support and promote better governance in this challenging environment.

Alison Scott,

Head of Standards and Financial Reporting, CIPFA

16.00

Summary of the day and close of the summit

Summit Chair Caroline Mawhood

We reserve the right to alter the timing or content of sessions where circumstances require.