

CIPFA Police and Fire Network

Developments in Finance for Police and Fire

10 October 2017 in York

11 October 2017 in London

09.30–10.00

Coffee and registration

10.00–10.10

Introductions

10.10–11.00

Environmental update: strategic issues and CIPFA developments

Alison Dewhirst, Police Advisor for CIPFA, will provide an update on strategic issues for police forces, OPCCs and fire and rescue services and authorities. Alison will also provide an update on CIPFA governance issues including the role of chief financial officers in policing, Public Sector Internal Audit Standards and work of CIPFA's police and fire panel.

11.00–11.15

Refreshments

11.15–12.15

Latest technical update – finance and accounting issues

David Ellis, Finance Advisor with the CIPFA Local Government Faculty, will give an overview of the latest finance and accounting developments affecting local authorities and police bodies. The session will review the main changes to the 2017/18 financial statements, provide a general update on other accounting developments likely to impact on practitioners, and discuss feedback from the 2016/17 financial statements following the Telling the Story changes to the Code. The session will explore any issues arising from those Code changes and how these might be best addressed moving forward.

12.15–13.00

Early closing of accounts

On the back of legislative changes in England to bring forward the deadlines for publishing and auditing the accounts, David Ellis will explore the challenges for practitioners, focusing on the feedback and lessons learned from those that have already made changes ahead of the statutory requirement. The session will discuss the key areas to consider and actions to take that will help smooth the transition, as well as considering how to streamline the financial statements to encourage greater engagement by stakeholders.

13.00–13.50

Lunch

13.50–14.30

Making the Most of the Apprenticeship Levy

The Apprenticeship Levy came into effect on 1 April. But how will it work for you? At each event a practitioner from a police force/OPCC or fire and rescue service will share their experience of the levy so far and how they intend to use it to the best effect. In York, our speaker will be Tony Oldroyd, Resourcing Specialist in Human Resources for West Yorkshire Police. Our speaker for London is to be confirmed.

14.30–15.00

Making the Most of the Apprenticeship Levy – discussion

An opportunity to find out from other police forces, OPCCs and fire and rescue services on how they are using the apprenticeship levy, the issues they have encountered so far and their plans for its use in the future. We will also discuss how the levy might be accounted for.

15.00–15.10

Refreshments

15.10–15.45

Accounting implications of PCCs taking on local fire and rescue services

Alison Dewhirst will provide an overview of the accounting arrangements for a PCC taking on the governance of a fire and rescue service or moving to the single – employer model, and transitional arrangements for mid-year transfers.

15.45

Close

The facilitators for the events will be David Ellis and Alison Dewhirst.

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