

CIPFA Police and Fire Network

Spring Strategic Briefings

14 March 2018 in London

15 March 2018 in York

09.30–10.00

Coffee and registration

10.00–10.10

Introductions

10.10–11.00

Environmental update: strategic issues and policy 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, policy developments, legislation and the latest local government developments with implications for police or fire services.

11.00–11.15

Refreshments

11.15–12.00

Making the most of your strategy on reserves

All PCCs are producing their strategies on financial reserves but how can we ensure a robust service-wide approach to this topical issue? At each event a guest speaker from an OPCC will share their approach to reserves, ensuring appropriate levels of reserve to cover future circumstances and, where reserves are used, they are used to maximum effect. They will also consider the PACCTs survey on reserves. In London, our speaker will be Darren Garwood-Pask, Chief Financial Officer for the Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent, and in York our speaker will be Jayne Stephenson, Director of Finance (Police and Crime) for Greater Manchester Combined Authority.

12.00 – 12.45

An update on Force Management Statements

As the first force management statements are being prepared by forces before their submission date of May, we will have an update from HMICFRS on the latest information and the revised FMS template. Our speaker in London will be Lawrence Morris, Head of Policing Practice and Improvement for HMICFRS. In York, Alison Dewhirst will provide a summary of Lawrence's presentation.

12.45–13.35

Lunch

13.35 –14.25

The latest on Internal Audit issues and risk management

Internal Audit is key to governance and helping to ensure improvements in organisations via their reviews. In this session, we will hear the latest from the Police Audit Group. In London our speaker will be Julie Norgrove, chair of the Police Audit Group, and in York our speaker will be Rob Winter, Head of Internal Audit for South Yorkshire Police, who will also share South Yorkshire’s new approach to risk management.

14.25–14.40

Refreshments

14.40–15.20

Update on CIPFA documents, consultations and work with the sectors

Alison Dewhirst will provide an update on CIPFA finance and governance issues for police and fire services including the role of chief financial officers in policing, the latest on the Practical Guide to Audit Committees, enhancing financial excellence in policing, CIPFA’s Treasury Management Code of Practice and the work of CIPFA’s police and fire panel.

15.20

Close

*The facilitator for the events will be Alison Dewhirst.
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