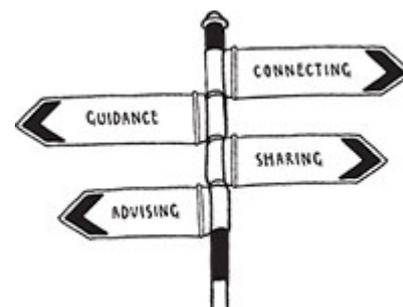


## Finance Advisory Network Newsletter



### Advisor Update

We hope that you are finding our new CIPFA Finance Advisory Network (FAN) Newsletter useful. Specifically designed for authorities that don't subscribe to FAN your newsletter provides you with a summary of all of our upcoming events in one place as well as details of how you can access a wide range of other information and learning opportunities from CIPFA.

If you no longer wish to receive such updates, or indeed you wish to add other colleagues to these newsletter mailings, please do let us know by return of email.

### 2017/18 Closedown events coming soon

CIPFA FAN are currently working with Ernst and Young (EY) on developing a programme of workshops during January and February 2018 to help you with your 2017/18 closedown. The workshops will cover the key changes impacting on the production of the 2017/18 financial statements as well as significant future changes in IFRS and what practitioners need to consider in advance of their adoption in the Accounting Code..

Dates for the workshops are still being finalised but please keep an eye out for details through our usual communication channels.

### Local Government Accounting Conferences

The CIPFA Local Government Accounting Conferences are the key events to attend to find out the very latest developments on what are important and substantial changes to local government finance, particularly local government financial reporting.

The conferences are aimed at all finance professionals working in local government and will provide essential updates on the fundamental changes to the 2018/19 Code of Practice as well as new policy and legislative changes that will impact on finance and financial reporting.

Download the programme schedule and book places now for [Leeds - 15 November](#) or [London - 22 November](#)

### October 2017

#### Events

#### Introduction to LA Accounts and Closedown

17 October Leeds, 15 December London (additional date)

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#### Introduction to Local Government Finance

31 October London (sold out), 7 November London

[More details](#)

#### Introduction to Accounting for Groups and collaborative arrangements

6 November London, 8 November Leeds

[More details](#)

#### CIPFA Local Government Accounting Conference

15 November Leeds, 22 November London

[More details](#)

## 2018 Accredited course schedule now available

The 2018 schedule of CIPFAs accredited training events is now [available online](#). The courses cover a wide range of subjects to meet your continuing professional development (CPD) needs or to provide you with a CIPFA or a recognised industry-specific accreditation and the opportunity to apply for CIPFA affiliate membership. All programmes are available at a variety of locations around the UK as well as on an in-house basis allowing for cost effective, convenient learning for both individuals and teams.

Download the 2017/18 [accredited training brochure](#) now.

### Introduction to Housing Finance – 28 November Leeds, 29 November London

This course provides delegates with a comprehensive introduction to Housing Finance and the Housing Revenue Account (HRA). It covers the statutory background to the HRA, the landlord function, the ring-fence between the HRA and the General Fund, and the key business planning, revenue and capital accounting requirements for local authority housing. It also covers the principal accounting treatment for housing assets, highlighting the areas unique to the HRA. Book your place now for either [Leeds](#) or for [London](#)

### FAN Open Training Programme 2017

In addition to our scheduled workshop line-up, FAN are running a number of open training courses in 2017, designed to provide an introduction to those new to local authority accounting or new to specific technical aspects of the work, or who would value a refresher in those areas.

Course topics cover a wide range of areas and the full selection can be found at the [CIPFA website](#).

Coming up in October and November are: *'Introduction to Collection Fund Accounting in England'*, *'Introduction to local authority accounts and closedown'*, *'Introduction to Local Government Finance'*, *'Introduction to accounting for groups'* and *'Introduction to Housing Finance'* - see links under our events listing for more details and to book places. Additional dates have been added for some events which were full and had waiting lists so please take another look if you were unable to book a place previously due to your chosen course being full. We do endeavour to put on additional dates where waiting lists suggest that they are needed so it's worth adding your details to the list or contacting us directly to let us know that there is sufficient demand for more dates.

Don't forget that each of these training course is also offered as an on-site delivery option. Our typical consultancy rate for these events is £1,250 per day (exc. VAT) plus expenses. But should your authority subscribe to ANY advisory network, then this cost reduces to £950 per day plus VAT and expenses.

## CIPFA Local Government Income Generation Summit

28 November London

[More details](#)

### Introduction to Housing Finance

28 November Leeds, 29 November London

[More details](#)

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## Lunch and Learn webinars

CIPFA is proud to continue our successful series of free [lunchtime webinars](#). Upcoming webinars include topical sessions 'finance business partnering' (10 November) and 'the role of the counter fraud specialist' (7 December).

You can also watch a wide range of 'on demand' webinars on CIPFA's [YouTube channel](#). A diverse range of subjects are available to stream or download to watch at your convenience including 'risk management', 'accounts closedown, telling the story of local authority financial statements' and 'leadership and influence'.

## CIPFA Thinks

CIPFA specialises in all aspects of public services finance and our expertise in the sector is unrivalled. To make this wealth of knowledge more accessible we continually update [CIPFA Thinks](#), a definitive collection of articles, comments and publications giving all the information you need to know about public finance.

Articles in the [Local Government section](#) include leadership and governance in local authorities and LGPS governance issues. You will also find links to CIPFA's local government newsletters, and a range of CIPFA's key reports.

## FAN Subscription

A FAN subscription entitles you to a wide range of benefits including:

- Exclusive website access – [www.cipfa.org/services/networks/finance-advisory-network](http://www.cipfa.org/services/networks/finance-advisory-network) - which contains a wealth of published information including regular briefings, newsletters and updates, as well as current and past event presentation materials
- Access to updated collection fund models, which have proved invaluable in assisting authorities in this very complex accounting area\*
- Regular newsletter to keep you updated on the latest financial and policy issues affecting your authority
- Exclusive access to a FAN LinkedIn group as well as a dedicated Twitter account (#cipfanetworks)
- 15% discount on all other open training events (i.e. those not assigned to this network)
- 25% discount on having any of our 'essentials' training events run on-site e.g. Introduction to Capital, Introduction to Local Government Finance
- Attendance at a wide selection of regional network events and FAN open training courses (using pre-purchased places if you opt to purchase, or a discounted price if you don't)
- Technical support and guidance from expert advisors
- Timely updates on relevant political, financial and legislative issues giving you all the facts at your fingertips, and information on how

these will affect your job role, service delivery and your wider authority

- Opportunities for networking, career development and CPD

If you would be interested in subscribing to FAN (or any other network), please do feel free to get in touch with any of us.

Kind regards

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