



Finance Advisory Network Non-Subscriber Newsletter

Advisor Update

Welcome to your non-subscriber newsletter for March. We hope that you continue to find it useful, however if you prefer not to receive it in future please just drop us a quick email and we will take you off our mailing list. Alternatively, if you wish to add other colleagues to the mailing list please just let us know.

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.

FAN and WFAN Subscriptions 2018/19

It's still not too late to become a FAN subscriber for 2018/19, so if you haven't already done so, why not take a look at our FAN and WFAN [service plans for 2018 and let us know if this is something you are interested in?](#)

Don't forget that FAN subscription provides you with access to the two spreadsheet-based Collection Fund Accounting models to help your accounting for Council Tax and Business Rates (NDR) for the 2017/18 closedown (England only). A code to access the models will be sent to you as soon as we receive your payment.

Here's a reminder of some of the many benefits that subscription provides:

- Exclusive website access – www.cipfa.org/services/networks/finance-advisory-network - which contains a wealth of published information including regular briefings and updates, as well as our current and past event presentation materials
- Regular newsletters to keep you updated on the latest financial and policy issues affecting your network
- Collection Fund Models (England only – see below)
- Exclusive access to a FAN LinkedIn group as well as a dedicated Twitter hashtag (#cipfanetworks)
- 15% discount on all other open training events (i.e. those not assigned to these networks)
- A discounted daily rate of just £1,250 plus VAT for any of our ['essentials'](#) training events delivered on-site to your authority, compared to the non-subscriber rate of £1,500.
- Attendance at a wide selection of regional network events and open

Events

Completing and Accounting for NNDR 3 2017/18

[22 March, Manchester](#); [28 March, London](#)

Understanding and using the Collection Fund Accounting Models 2017/18

[19 March, Birmingham](#); [21 March, Bristol](#)

Off Payroll Workers, IR35 and Public Sector Contracts

[24 April, London](#); [25 April, Leeds](#)

Roles and Responsibilities as a Shareholder

[26 April, London](#)

Introduction to the role of Company Secretary

[10 May, London](#)

Public Sector Investment Strategy Conference

[18 May, London](#); [23 May, Sheffield](#); [12 June, Cardiff](#); [13 September, Glasgow](#)

Revenues – Review & Refresh

[10 April, Devon](#); [11 April, Winchester](#); [12 April, London](#); [17 April, Durham](#); [18 April, Manchester](#); [24 April, Suffolk](#); [25 April, Birmingham](#)

Introduction to Police Finance

[19 April, London](#)

training courses (using pre-purchased places or a discounted price if you don't have any pre-pays)

- 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

CIPFA Local Government Conference 2018 – What's new with the Prudential Code – 02 May, London

CIPFA (advisory networks) is very pleased to announce its 2018 spring conference which will be looking closely at all of the changes (and what they will now mean to local government) in relation to the Prudential Code.

With all four Codes of the Prudential system having been updated in recent weeks, this conference will provide the ideal opportunity for practitioners to not only understand what these updates will mean for them, but will be introduced also to the reasons for the changes.

Prudential borrowing and changes to the code will impact on all parts of the council and as such we have made the decision to allow any advisory network pre-paid places to be used to attend this event.

[Book your place now on the CIPFA website](#)

Public Sector Investment Strategy conference

Never has investment in property by local authorities been more active. With new versions of both the CIPFA Prudential Code and Treasury Management Code published in December 2017 and revised central government guidance on local authority investments issued in February, now is the right time to look at what the future holds for local authority property investment strategy and planning.

[Individual dates and locations are detailed in the events section](#)

CIPFA Annual Conference 2018 – Early bird booking open now

The [CIPFA Annual Conference and Exhibition](#) takes place this year on 11-12 July in Bournemouth and is the UK's leading conference for professionals working in public finance and accountancy. This year's theme is Talent, Technology, and Transformation: Mapping the Digital Future, and will explore the emerging political, economic and technological trends and examine how they will reshape public services.

Early bird registration is available until 20 April with a saving of more than £100 off your ticket. [Click here to take advantage today](#)

Essentials – introductory workshops

CIPFA Local Government Conference 2018 – What's new with the Prudential Code

[02 May, London](#)

Introduction to Council Tax

[08 May, London](#); [26 June Birmingham](#)

Introduction to National Nondomestic Rates

[09 May, London](#); [27 June Birmingham](#)

Introduction to Local Government Finance

[06 June, London](#); [07 June, Leeds](#)

Introduction to Local Authority Capital Accounting

[24 July, Leeds](#); [25 July, London](#)

Introduction to Fire Finance

[11 September, London](#)

Introduction to Collection Fund Accounting

[09 October, Leeds](#); [11 October, London](#)

Introduction to Housing Finance

[18 October, London](#); [23 October, Leeds](#)

CIPFA Networks has developed a range of introductory workshops on a range of topics for those new to a role, new to the sector, or just in need of a refresher. Please do mention these to any colleagues who you think this might benefit.

We have workshops covering a number of topics, including accountancy and finance, professional services, governance, asset management and taxation. The workshops are designed to give attendees a confident grasp of the key principles, regulatory requirements, practical application issues and an insight of upcoming changes.

Each workshop carries CPD points and many of our 2018 workshops can be booked now using pre-paid places or booked on a pay as you go basis. They can also be delivered on-site and tailored to suit your specific organisational needs for a cost of £1,500 + VAT and expenses.

[Download the Essentials brochure now](#)

TISonline Charities and Social Enterprises Board seeks volunteers

The Charities and Social Enterprises TISonline stream will be an up-to-date resource combining the previous *Social Enterprise* and *Charity Accounting and Financial Management* streams. This new stream will cover key areas of financial reporting for charities, offering guidance on the day-to-day practicalities of financial planning and control, as well as provide a wide range of practical information on social enterprises, especially in relation to their involvement in delivering public services.

The board is currently seeking new members from all areas of local government who work with or set up charities and social enterprises. Being a board member involves writing or updating content for TISonline (available through the CIPFA website) and providing feedback on drafts written by others. The board will meet on average twice a year to discuss draft content and agree on future updating plans.

Becoming an editorial board member offers the opportunity to share knowledge and expertise and conduct research on the latest developments in the sector. Membership can also contribute towards CPD schemes operated by CIPFA and other organisations. No prior editorial board experience is necessary.

For more information please contact Susan Furber (susan.furber@cipfa.org).

2018 Accredited Course Schedule available

CIPFA offers a wide range of courses aimed at finance professionals, auditors, treasury staff, service managers, front-line personnel and non-finance specialists.

Whether you are seeking to close skills gaps, boost your counter fraud defences or become more commercial, there is something for everyone. You will find our courses engaging and challenging and all can be delivered in-house, at your location.

Topics include Finance Business Partnering, Leadership, Business Cases,

Corporate Governance, Contract Management, Asset Valuation and many more.

[Download the 2018 accredited training brochure](#)

CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice; post implementation call for evidence

The CIPFA/LASAAC Local Authority Accounting Code Board (CIPFA/LASAAC) has undertaken its first post implementation review of the full IFRS-based Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom after the publication of the 2012/13 Code.

CIPFA/LASAAC is now focusing on the substantial changes made to the Code since that date (and where an appropriate period of bedding in has taken place) and is undertaking a post implementation review on three areas; employee benefits, service concession arrangements and group accounts provisions. The objective of each post implementation review is to assess whether the relevant section of the Code (which adopts an accounting standard) works as intended and achieves its objectives.

CIPFA is keen to hear any comments that you might have and would welcome your responses by 28 April 2018. Full details can be found on the [CIPFA website](#).

Fair Funding review: a review of relative needs and resources

CIPFA have submitted a response to the recent MHCLG Fair Funding review. [Click here](#) to see a copy of this document together with access to CIPFA's other responses to local government consultations.

Publications

1	Company Financial Reporting: A Guide for Local Authorities (2018 Edition)
2	Thinking Ahead: Developing a Financial Strategy (2018 Edition)
3	IFRS 9 Financial Instruments: An Early Guide for Local Authority Practitioners
4	Pooled Budgets and the Better Care Fund: A Practical Guide for Local Authorities and Health Bodies (2017 Edition)
5	An Introductory Guide to Local Government Finance (2017 Edition)
6	Option Appraisal: A Practical Guide for Public Service Organisations (2017 Edition)