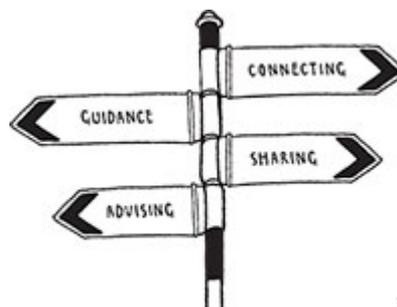


Finance Advisory Network Newsletter



March 2020

Advisor Update

Welcome to the March FAN Newsletter for practitioners in organisations that don't subscribe to the FAN service.

This newsletter is heavily influenced by how the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) is impacting on all of us. Life is not as it used to be, and the virus threat continues to be of major national and international concern.

CIPFA has released a [statement](#) on its website confirming how it is protecting the health and safety of students, members, customers and staff in these unprecedented times. As things currently stand, all previously scheduled training events, conferences and panel meetings from 23 March to 31 May 2020 are affected. Some will be rescheduled for later in the year, and others are being delivered digitally.

All customers booked on to our courses and events are being updated with further information once revised arrangements are in place. The time-critical FAN workshops scheduled for March and early April (including the remaining NNDR3 and Collection Fund model events) are being run as webinars in the week commencing 30 March, and further details are being shared with those already booked on.

If attending any of these webinars is of interest to practitioners who were unable to attend our previous workshops then please see the link in the events listing for more information and to book your places.

CIPFA and the FAN team thank you for your patience during these uncertain times.

We hope you find the newsletter helpful. If other colleagues in your organisation would benefit from receiving this newsletter they can add themselves to the FAN mailing lists via the [Preference Centre in MyCIPFA](#).

The FAN team wish all practitioners good luck and good health in these challenging times ahead.

David, Caroline and Sandra

Events

Completing and accounting for the NNDR 3 2019/20
[2 April - Webinar](#)

Understanding and using the collection fund accounting models
[1 April - webinar](#)

Local Authority Capital Leasing Practitioner Workshop
[31 March - webinar](#)

[FAN Home](#)

Network and CIPFA News

FAN Events Update

Due to the impact of coronavirus, you will have received notification that all CIPFA workshops and events are currently being reviewed. As we take the health and safety of our customers and members extremely seriously, we will be delivering many of our events via webinar.

Events that were originally due to take place between 16 March and 2 April have been rescheduled, and will take place via webinar on the following dates:

- IFRS 16 Leasing - [31 March](#)
- Understanding the Collection Fund models - [1 April](#)
- Completing and accounting for NNDR 3 - [2 April](#)

Click on the links for further details. Joining instructions for these webinars will be available shortly.

Other events being delivered digitally via webinar include:

- Introduction to Budgeting – 16 April
- Introduction to Adult and Children’s Social Care – 28 April

Further CIPFA network events may also be delivered via webinar over the coming weeks and months. CIPFA thanks you for your patience during this uncertain time.

Changes to 2019/20 Statutory Audit Date (England)

On 16 March it was confirmed by Secretary of State Robert Jenrick that, in response to the challenges caused by Covid-19, [a number of measures](#) will be put in place to ease the strain on local authorities.

This includes deferring the audit date for the 2019/20 local authority accounts from 31 July to 30 September as well as considering legislation to remove the requirement for annual council meetings to take place in person and allowing council committee meetings to be held virtually for a temporary period.

CIPFA is highlighting the need for some flexibility in respect of the 31 May draft accounts and AGS deadlines and we will endeavour to keep you informed if there are any further changes or updates that would be of interest and assistance. Please make sure you follow the FAN team on social media (see details below) as any breaking news will be shared initially via Twitter and LinkedIn as well as through our network alerts.

New integrated Social Care Advisory Network (SCAN) from 1 April 2020

Social care continues to be a key challenge for councils and evidence shows that those organisations that perform most effectively in providing social care do so when their focus is on client need at all ages, particularly when providing a seamless transition from child to adult support.

In response to this, CIPFA have brought together our adult and children’s social care networks under one new consolidated advisory offer; Social Care Advisory Network (SCAN).

This new network will provide a comprehensive offer of support and advice, face-to-face events, webinars and online material. We are also introducing new action learning workshops throughout the year which will allow delegates to share ideas, good practice and take part in facilitated networking discussions on topical issues and key performance indicators.

Take a look at our [new service plan](#) here or contact Sandra for more details on how to subscribe.

Whole of Government Accounts (WGA) OSCAR II

Just a reminder that if you are responsible for submitting WGA data for 2019/20 and did NOT receive any emails from the HM Treasury WGA team about testing your login to the OSCAR II system, please contact them ASAP to make sure you are on their mailing list Their email address is LG_WGAreturns@hmtreasury.gov.uk

Public Finance Live 2020, 8-9 July

Public Finance Live returns for 2020 bringing you the latest in public finance initiatives, insights and solutions. Join thought leaders, leading political figures, economists, financial innovators and commercial partners to develop blueprints for better outcomes and a sustainable public services and economy.

Welcoming over 700 delegates to the QEII Centre, London, this year's event will offer a variety of focused content streams for you to tailor the conference to your own personal needs and interest.

Content streams to include:

- Financial resilience and trust
- Talent and Skills
- Data and technology
- People and places
- Health and Social Care
- Counter Fraud

Early bird booking open till 30 April 2020. [Click here to book](#) .

CIPFA Thinks

Don't forget to periodically check [CIPFA Thinks](#) to see the latest set of articles, comments and publications covering topical aspects of public finance and issues specific to [local government](#) .

Follow FAN on Twitter and connect to us on LinkedIn

David, Sandra and Caroline regularly tweet details of relevant news stories, FAN event updates, CIPFA consultation alerts, etc. We encourage practitioners to follow us on Twitter for the latest news, so even if you don't 'tweet' yourself, it's a great way to keep updated on key issues affecting local authority finance and accounting. Click to find [David Sandra](#) and [Caroline](#) on Twitter, or search for all our network advisor tweets using the hashtag [#cipfanetworks](#) .

We can also be found on LinkedIn and increasingly use social media for additional FAN updates, so if you are on LinkedIn then please feel free to connect to us at [David](#), [Sandra](#) and [Caroline](#).

LinkedIn Discussions

CIPFA has its own [LinkedIn group](#) where you can find up to date announcements and discussions on all the latest issues in the public sector. Why not join in one of the discussions or start a conversation of your own?

News Roundup

News stories are part of the subscriber service only.

Publications

[IFRS 16 Leases: An Early Guide](#)

[Financial Management Code](#)

for Local Authority Practitioners

Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2020/21

Financial Management Code

Guidance Notes (due April 2020)

Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom: Disclosure Checklist for 2019/20 Accounts

Service Reporting Code of Practice for Local Authorities (2020/21 Edition)

**Finance Advisory
Network Advisors**

David Ellis

01502 584395 /

07879 665950

david.ellis@cipfa.org

Caroline Newman

01964 533097 /

07919018938

caroline.newman@cipfa.org

Sandra Beard

02476 591922 /

07718242835

sandra.beard@cipfa.org



If you are unable to see the message above clearly, **[read it online.](#)**

You have received this email either because you are a network subscriber or because you are on our customer database and in accordance with the personal preferences we hold for you. If you no longer wish to receive Finance Advisory Network emails please **[update your preferences.](#)** Find out more about our **[privacy policy.](#)**

The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy, 77 Mansell St, London, E1 8AN
Registered with the Charity Commissioners of England and Wales No. 231060 and with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator No.SCO37963 © CIPFA 2020. All rights reserved.