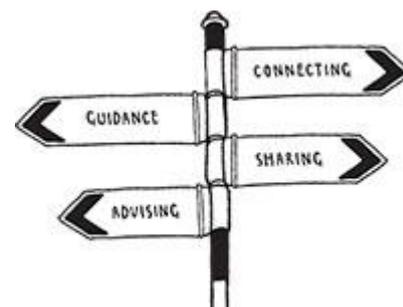


Finance Advisory Network Non-Subscriber Newsletter



Advisor Update

Welcome to the November CIPFA Finance Advisory Network (FAN) Newsletter, specifically designed for authorities that don't subscribe to FAN.

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.

Best Wishes,

David, Caroline and Sandra

DCLG Consultation on the proposed changes to the prudential framework of capital finance

DCLG are seeking views on proposals to update the guidance on Local Authorities Investments and on Minimum Revenue Provision. The [consultation](#) closes on 22 December.

Accounts Closedown Workshops 2017/18

FAN and EY are pleased to confirm all the dates and venues for our 2017/18 Accounts Closedown workshops. The series, designed for English and Welsh local authorities and police bodies, will include 30 dates scheduled between 9 January and 21 February, the earlier start date this year reflecting the need to meet ever tighter accounts closedown timetables.

The programme for the day covers all the key changes impacting on local authority accounting and financial reporting, including a review of the outcomes from the 'Telling the Story' changes in 2016/17 and a summary of the main changes to the 2017/18 Accounting Code, including narrative reporting, accounting policies and going concern.

The day will therefore also highlight the key risks in relation to the new Financial Instruments standard (IFRS 9) and other future expected changes in the Code that will impact on the General Fund and/or the HRA. Whilst it may be that statutory arrangements to protect taxpayers from the changes will be introduced this cannot be assumed.

The cost is frozen from last year, £295 plus VAT, which includes attendance and all documentation.

Events

Accounts Closedown Workshops 2017/18 (NEW)

30 dates between 9 January and 21 February 2018

[More details](#)

Introduction to Collection Fund Accounting in England

New date added - 26 January 2018 (London)

[More details](#)

Introduction to LA Accounts and Closedown

15 December London

[More details](#)

CIPFA Local Government Income Generation Summit

28 November London

[More details](#)

Introduction to Housing Finance

28 November Leeds, 29 November London

[More details](#)

Introduction to Police Finance

6 December, London

[More details](#)

Introduction to Public Procurement

A full list of events and venues is available on the [website](#), and places are booked online in the usual way. We look forward to seeing you there.

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

This open training course, co-presented by David (FAN) and Steve Partridge (Savills), 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 [Leeds](#) and [London](#).

FAN Open Training Programme 2017

There is still time to book places at our remaining open training courses for 2017, which are 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 <http://www.cipfa.org/training/essentials>.

Coming up in November, December and January are: *'Introduction to local authority accounts and closedown'*, *'Introduction to housing finance'*, *'Introduction to police finance'*, *Introduction to education finance'*, plus an extra *'Introduction to collection fund accounting in England'* - see links under our events listing for more details and to book your places.

Don't forget that most of these training courses are 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 Network, then this cost reduces to £950 per day plus VAT and expenses. Do get in touch to discuss on-site delivery options.

CIPFA Housing Conference

Details of this topical event are currently being finalised, but it will take place on 25 January 2018. Please keep the date free in your diaries and look out for the details coming soon.

Follow FAN on Twitter

David, Sandra and Caroline tweet relevant news stories, FAN event updates, the latest CIPFA headlines, stories from Public Finance, etc. We encourage our subscribers to follow us on Twitter for all 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 on the links to see [David Sandra](#) and

7 December 2017 (London) &
30 January 2018 (Leeds)

[More details](#)

Contracting Out – What to do when things go wrong

30 November 2017 (London) &
6 December 2017 (Leeds)

[More details](#)

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