



Scottish Finance Advisory Network

Newsletter

Advisor Update

Welcome to the November SFAN Newsletter for organisations who do not subscribe to the SFAN network.

As usual, the newsletter includes details of our planned events and workshops, together with the latest updates on consultations and other issues that may be of interest to finance staff working in organisations that account under the CIPFA/LASAAC Local Authority Accounting Code of Practice. We hope you find it helpful.

If you haven't already considered it, CIPFA is offering an [introductory promotion](#) for authorities taking out a new subscription to SFAN or other networks.

If you take out a subscription before 31 December 2020 you will get membership up to 31 March 2022 for the 12-month price i.e. 16 months for the price of 12 if you take it out now. The earlier you take out a new membership the higher the saving. If you opt to include any pre-pay places with your membership these can be used at any time up to 31 March 2022 for any FAN events included in our Service Plan

SFAN membership gets you access to all subscriber newsletters and our past event documentation and slides on the website, as well as access to the FAN team for any technical accounting questions.

If this promotion is of interest, please do get in touch.

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.

David, Caroline and Sandra

Network and CIPFA News

FAN 2020/21 Accounts Closedown and Financial Reporting Workshops (webinars in January and February 2021)

The FAN team are working again with associate Graham Liddell for our annual closedown series, which this year (in line with other CIPFA workshops) is being delivered via webinar. The workshops will feature the usual healthy mix of technical updates and topical discussion and details of the programme can be found on the website (see link to all events in the events listing). The series is expected to run from 7 January to 10 February, so there will be plenty of dates to choose from,

Events

Capital Valuations: Avoiding the pitfalls

[3 December, Webinar](#)

2020/21 Accounts Closedown and Financial Reporting Workshops

[Various dates - see article below](#)

and as they are being delivered by webinar, they are now more accessible with no need to travel. So, pick your date and book your slot.

Day	Date	Delivery
Thu	07/01/2021	Webinar
Mon	11/01/2021	Webinar
Tue	12/01/2021	Webinar
Wed	13/01/2021	Webinar
Thu	14/01/2021	Webinar - Wales
Mon	18/01/2021	Webinar
Tue	19/01/2021	Webinar - Police
Wed	20/01/2021	Webinar - Scotland
Thu	21/01/2021	Webinar
Mon	25/01/2021	Webinar
Tue	26/01/2021	Webinar - Wales
Wed	27/01/2021	Webinar
Thu	28/01/2021	Webinar
Mon	01/02/2021	Webinar
Tue	02/02/2021	Webinar
Wed	03/02/2021	Webinar - Police
Thu	04/02/2021	Webinar
Mon	08/02/2021	Webinar
Tue	09/02/2021	Webinar - Scotland
Wed	10/02/2021	Webinar

COSLA; Covid-19 Information for Councils

All the latest official information as well as guidance and resources from COSLA and key partners including weekly briefings for Elected Members.

<https://www.cosla.gov.uk/covid-19-information-for-councils>

Additional COVID-19 advice and support for local authorities

CIPFA has set-up an [online hub](#) for COVID resources.

Essential guidance on all aspects of coronavirus can be found on the [Gov.Scot](#) website.

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, COVID-19 updates, etc. We encourage subscribers 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: David, Sandra and [Caroline](#) or the join the [FAN LinkedIn Group](#).

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

1	IFRS 16 Leases: An Early Guide for Local Authority Practitioners
2	Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2020/21
3	Financial Management Code
4	Financial Management Code Guidance Notes
5	Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom: Disclosure Checklist for 2019/20 Accounts
6	Service Reporting Code of Practice for Local Authorities (2020/21 Edition)

